

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
September 4, 1979

Councilmembers present:

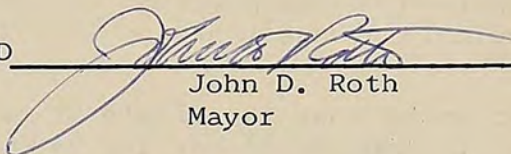
Mayor Roth
Councilman Faulkner
Councilman Forshee
Councilman Ricks
Councilman Webb
Councilman Weisman
City Administrator Gilsdorf

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

1. Code Enforcement Court Cases. The City Administrator reported to the Council on 29 court cases in litigation.
2. Public Hearing on Master Plan Staff Draft. The City Administrator reminded the Council of the 8:00 PM meeting scheduled for September 5.
3. Request for a 4-way Stop Sign at Lee and Hancock Avenues. After discussion, it was decided by the Council to place this matter on the September 10 regular Council meeting agenda.
4. Request for a Stop Sign on Flower Avenue at Garland (accompanied by a petition). After discussion, it was decided by the Council to also place this item on the September 10 Council meeting agenda.
5. Washington Adventist Hospital Bond Resolution. A suggested resolution was received from the Hospital's consulting attorney. After discussion, the Mayor and Council directed the City Administrator to include language which would clearly express the City's lack of financial liability and to ensure that all savings were passed on to reduce health care costs at Washington Adventist Hospital. And further, the Corporation Counsel be asked to review the resolution.

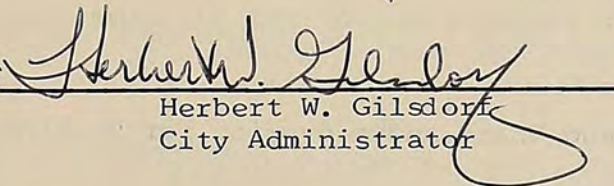
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

APPROVED



John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST



Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Meeting of the Mayor and City Council
and
Public Hearing on Proposed Block Grant Program
for Submission to Prince George's County, FY-81
 September 10, 1979

City Officials Present:

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

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on September 10 at 8:00 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Following the pledge of allegiance, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of August 27; this was approved by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Announced that Montgomery County will be holding a Public Forum on proposed changes in Ride-on bus routes, including two, Nos. 16 and 20, which would affect the City; that the President of the Ritchie Avenue Citizens' Association and another association have proposed rerouting #16 onto Ritchie Avenue.

Reminded citizens of the City's Public Forum on the Takoma Park Master Plan Staff Draft to be held on Tuesday, October 9, at 8:00 PM, in the Municipal Building.

Noted the receipt of County-wide Comprehensive Facilities Plan Draft, prepared by the staff of Montgomery County Board of Education, and including high schools and junior high schools recommended for closure; stated that Montgomery Blair High School and Takoma Park Junior High School are not on this list; reiterated that this is only a staff draft and has not been approved by school board members and that changes could be made; suggested that citizen groups and Council should remain alert even though the City seems to be starting off well this year.

Reported on the progress of the installation of signals at Carroll-Ethan Allen-Philadelphia Avenues, saying that to date, poles have been erected on concrete bases.

Announced that the City's Crime Prevention Unit will be presenting a rape prevention film on September 18, 7:30 PM, second floor of the Municipal Building.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Report from the Operation Turnaround Board and a drawing for listing agents (Councilman Faulkner)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

I. Recommendations to Mayor and Council by CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee on proposed submission to Montgomery County for FY-81.

Mr. James Holland, Chairman, CDBG/CAC, presented the CDBG recommendations for Montgomery County, noting that original recommendations totalled \$883,000, but have been brought down to a final total of \$662,00. Mr. Holland responded as follows to questions asked by Councilmembers: that sections of the 7300, 7400 blocks of Baltimore Avenue would have street improvements, and also sections of the 7800 block of Chicago Avenue; that funds were not requested for Operation Turnaround because the CAC was informed that it was a revolving fund and additional funding could not be justified; that funds were requested for Laurel/Carroll Commercial Area because the County study is due to be completed in October and funds are needed for initiation of the project; funds requested for street improvements on unimproved right-of-way on Hancock Avenue from Grant toward Philadelphia Avenue, new sidewalk on Hancock from Grant to Lee Avenue, spot repairs from Hancock to Maple Avenue on Sherman Avenue, curb and gutter repairs/replacements on Manor Circle; Operation Paint Brush is a reimbursement program for the cost of paint for houses, with no income limitations.

II. Public Hearing on Proposed Community Development Block Grant Program for Submission to Prince George's County, FY-81.

Councilman Ricks asked what plans have been considered for the Colby Avenue Tot Lot. Mr. Holland stated that money requested would be used for spring-toys, wooden playground equipment, benches and a sheltered picnic table; Councilman Ricks asked that funds be requested for landscaping. Councilman Garcia stated that he would like to see some improvements on the State Highway section of Ethan Allen Avenue; the City Administrator stated that he could arrange a meeting with SHA to discuss what they intend to do.

III. Other Remarks by Citizens.

1. Allan Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, Member, Operation Turnaround Board: stated his dismay that there were no funds included for Operation Turnaround, noting that the City has lost money on most of the houses; requested that at least \$50,000 be included in the CDBG program proposal; regarding Operation Paint Brush, noted his philosophical differences with the program, but stated it is worthwhile if it would improve the appearance of the City.
2. Donald Ramsey, 8116 Roanoke Avenue: agreed with Mr. Marsh concerning Operation Turnaround; suggested the Board focus on the 7100 block of Carroll Avenue to encourage other renovations; expressed his concern about Montgomery County Council emergency bill #42-79 (condominium conversions); hoped the Council would protest this bill.
3. James Holland: stated that the CDBG/CAC was under the impression that the Operation Turnaround program would not be funded; that it was a revolving fund and was not in a state of depletion.
4. Allan Marsh: regarding the Washington Adventist Hospital bond proposal, stated that in many instances he has found himself in opposition to projects or policies of the General Conference, but that after discussions with key persons at the Hospital, he could find nothing detrimental and would support the proposal.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONCommunications

1. The City Administrator reported the receipt of a petition signed by 20 residents of the Flower-Garland Avenue area requesting that a stop sign be erected on northbound Flower Avenue at its intersection with Garland Avenue.
2. The City Administrator reported the receipt of another petition which requests that stop signs be erected on Lee Avenue at its intersection with Hancock Avenue.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Prince George's County CDBG proposal; Public Hearing: 7:30 PM, 9-12-79, CAB, Upper Marlboro. Regarding Councilman Ricks' request for additional funds for the Colby Avenue Tot Lot, the City Administrator stated that the landscaping (including dogwoods, azaleas, and holly trees) could be included for an additional \$2,000. Councilman Ricks made a motion that this amount be included in the Prince George's County proposal; this was seconded by Councilman Faulkner and approved by the Council. Councilmembers Forshee and Ricks noted their opposition to Operation Paint Brush because of the lack of income limitations. Councilman Garcia made a motion that the Council accept the CDBG/CAC recommendations; this was duly seconded by Councilman Weisman; the motion was approved by a 5:2 vote with Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Saloma, Webb and Weisman voting AYE, and Councilmembers Forshee and Ricks voting NAY, but stating that they approved all recommendations except Operation Paint Brush. (Copies of proposal available in City Office.)
2. Resolution authorizing Washington Adventist Hospital to proceed with steps necessary for City to issue tax exempt bonds, the proceeds of which will be loaned to the Hospital. The City Administrator noted that this resolution was drafted by the Hospital's consultant and the Corporation Counsel. Councilman Ricks inquired about Hospital's policy for indigent persons without insurance, and whether Takoma Park residents are treated differently. Mr. Shiroma, Administrator, WAH, stated that there is a uniform policy for all patients and described Hospital's policy on collections. Councilman Webb noted that the Hospital has a full-service clinic which has been in operation since 1954. At the request of Councilman Weisman and Councilwoman Saloma, the proposed version of the resolution was amended to include more specific references to legal requirements and assurances of cost benefits to patients. It was stated by the Corporation Counsel that this resolution is to initiate the process for feasibility studies and other matters preliminary to actual issuance of bonds. It was noted that the Corporation Counsel has submitted a favorable legal opinion. After further lengthy discussion, Councilman Garcia moved that the proposed resolution be approved as amended; this was duly seconded by Councilman Faulkner and approved unanimously by the Council. (Washington Adventist Hospital Resolution is attached to the Minutes.)
3. Ordinance prohibiting parking on South side of New York Avenue between Takoma and Chicago Avenue, between 7AM and 8PM. Councilman Garcia expressed the desire that action on the ordinance be postponed until the College's parking garage is completed, noting the difficulties posed for citizens living in other sections of the City. Councilman Weisman and the Chief of Police stated that the severity of the safety problems precludes this option. Upon motion by Councilman

Ricks, duly seconded by Councilman Webb, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Ricks, Saloma, Webb and Weisman. NAY: Councilman Garcia. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE #2509

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

SECTION 1. THAT the provisions of subsection D(1), Section 2, of Ordinance No. 2405, adopted November 8, 1976, be hereby repealed and that the following be enacted in its place:

D. OTHER PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

- (1) New York Avenue, South side, between Takoma Avenue and Chicago Avenue: Parking shall be prohibited between the hours of 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Friday. AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby requested to erect signs necessary to effect the directives of Section 1, above; AND

SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective after adoption on second reading and upon completion of the signing; AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 13.63.1(i), Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

4. Ordinance awarding bid and appropriating Revenue Sharing Funds for rebuilt chipper. Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, duly seconded, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma and Webb. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilman Weisman (who was temporarily absent).

ORDINANCE #2510

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

SECTION 1. THAT the 1979-80 Proposed Use Schedule for Revenue Sharing Funds set aside \$5,000 for the purchase of a rebuilt chipper for the Public Works Department; AND

SECTION 2. THAT bid was solicited from one known dealer and via advertising twice in two weekly newspapers of local circulation, with bids having been publicly opened at 3:00 PM, August 31, 1979; AND

SECTION 3. THAT the single bid received met all specification requirements and the purchase of one (1) Asplundh Wisper Chipper from the Chesapeake Supply & Equipment Co., Woodbridge, Va., for the amount of FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$4,950), is hereby approved; AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT funds to cover this purchase in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$4,950) be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account and transferred to the appropriate Public Works Account.

5. Ordinance awarding bid and appropriating Revenue Sharing Funds for Library roof repairs. Upon motion by Councilman Garcia, duly seconded by Councilman Ricks, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma and Webb. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilman Weisman (temporarily absent).

ORDINANCE #2511

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

SECTION 1. THAT the FY-80 Proposed Use Schedule for expenditure of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds earmarked funds for the re-roofing of a portion of the Takoma Park Library; AND

SECTION 2. THAT bids were solicited from qualified bidders and advertised twice in two weekly newspapers of local circulation, with the bids having been publicly opened at 2:00 PM, August 31, 1979; AND

SECTION 3. THAT two bids were received, with Colbert Roofing Corporation, Alexandria, Va. submitting a low bid of \$4,824, and is hereby accepted.

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT funds to cover this contract in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$4,824) be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account and transferred to the appropriate Public Works Account.

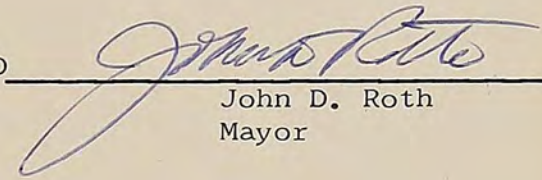
6. Request for STOP sign on Flower Avenue at its intersection with Garland Avenue (petition received). The City Administrator stated that the petition was initiated after an accident occurred some 100 feet away from the intersection; that there is currently a stop sign on Flower southbound from Carroll Avenue at its intersection with Garland; also a stop sign on Garland at Flower. Chief Porter stated that in his opinion, a stop sign is not warranted at this location; unwarranted control devices result in a loss of integrity for all such devices. It was noted by Councilmembers that although drivers may not come to a complete stop, they will at least slow down. Councilman Faulkner made a motion that an ordinance for the installation of a stop sign be prepared for First Reading; this was duly seconded by Councilman Ricks, and approved by a 4:3 vote of the Council, with Councilmembers Faulkner, Ricks, Saloma and Weisman voting Aye, and Councilmembers Forshee, Garcia and Webb voting Nay.

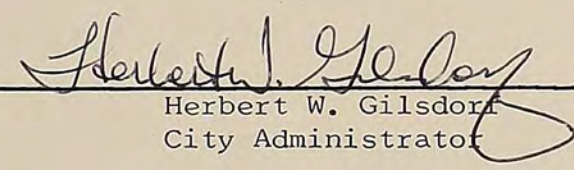
7. Request for 4-way STOP signs at Lee and Hancock Avenues (requested by residents). The City Administrator reported that a 44-signature petition had been received requesting the 4-way stop. Councilman Webb suggested that the stop signs currently on Hancock Avenue be taken down and be installed on Lee Avenue, since Hancock is not a heavily travelled street. Councilman Ricks made a motion that an ordinance for the installation of stop signs to create a 4-way stop be prepared for First Reading; this was seconded by Councilman Weisman and approved by a 5:2 vote of the Council, with Councilmembers Forshee and Webb voting in the negative, noting that they are opposed to retaining the stop signs on Hancock Avenue. After further discussion, Councilman Webb moved that an ordinance be prepared to remove the stop signs on Hancock Avenue; this was duly seconded by Councilman Forshee, but failed by a 2:5 vote, with Councilmembers Forshee and Webb voting in the affirmative and the remaining Councilmembers voting in the negative.

8. Councilman Faulkner, Chairman of the Operation Turnaround Board, reported that the City had sold 7103-05 Cedar Avenue; that the total costs, including mortgage payments and improvements to the properties totalled \$138,888.67; the properties sold for \$130,200.00, with a net loss to the City of \$8,688.67. Stated that the County required the City to sell 7103 Cedar Avenue as a Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit for a price of \$55,000, and 7105 Cedar Avenue sold for \$75,000; both properties were purchased by Takoma Park residents. (Financial Report Attached.) Councilman Faulkner also reported that renovations on 6805 and 6807 Westmoreland Avenue are now complete and ready for listing with a real estate agent. The following three names were then drawn for the property listing: Elizabeth Roler for 6805 Westmoreland Avenue; Mabel Michaels for 6807 Westmoreland Avenue; Marty Franks' name was drawn as the contingency listing agent.

9. Mayor Roth noted the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Dorothy Malusky, Acting Chairperson, Takoma Park Junior High Community School Advisory Council, which asked for the Council's help in having the County increase the funding for the Community School's programs, which have been reduced to \$2,000. Mayor Roth requested that Councilmembers read over the materials presented and decide what steps they would like to take.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM, to reconvene on Monday, September 24, 1979, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED 
John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST 
Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO ISSUE ITS HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS AND LOAN THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO THE WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park, Maryland is authorized and empowered under the laws of the State of Maryland and, particularly, under Sections 266A through 266I, inclusive, of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, (the "Act") to issue revenue bonds and loan the proceeds to a general hospital or related health facility; AND

WHEREAS, Washington Adventist Hospital, Inc. (the "Hospital") has proposed that, to reduce health care costs and promote the health and welfare of the residents of the City, the City issue its Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 1979 (the "Bonds"), in an amount necessary to retire certain taxable bonds of the Hospital, complete a renovation project at the Hospital, fund such reserves and interest accounts as may be appropriate and pay the costs and expenses associated with the issuance of the Bonds, and loan the proceeds of such Bonds to the Hospital; AND

WHEREAS, the bonded indebtedness will represent a claim against the assets of the Hospital and shall not constitute a capital project of the City nor shall it constitute any liability to the City within the meaning of the Charter or any statutory provisions; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council has been assured that the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission will require that any savings realized from the issuance of these bonds in this manner will be used to directly lower health care costs at the Hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND:

SECTION 1. THAT (subject to satisfaction of all legal requirements including, but not limited to, a favorable feasibility study from a nationally recognized consultant; a favorable opinion of a municipal bond counsel of national repute; the endorsement of the Maryland Department of Public Health and the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission; appropriate legal opinions from the City Corporation Counsel and the Hospital's attorneys; and the final endorsement of the City Council) the City, through its designated trustee, shall issue the Bonds in an amount necessary to retire the outstanding taxable bonds of the Hospital, complete the renovation project at the Hospital, fund such reserves and interest accounts as may be appropriate and pay the costs and expenses associated with the issuance of the Bonds. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be loaned to the Hospital and specific terms and conditions of the sale shall be set forth in a final bond purchase agreement which shall be subject to approval by the City; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Hospital and such advisors and assistants as the Hospital deems appropriate shall be, and they are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary and appropriate on behalf of the City in order to assure prompt and successful marketing of the Bonds and the accomplishment of the purposes for which the Bonds shall be issued, all on behalf of the City. The Mayor and City Administrator of the City shall be, and are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary and appropriate to cooperate with the Hospital in order to achieve said purposes.

ADOPTED THIS 10th day of September, 1979.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Operation Tyngsboro
7/03/5 Cedar Ave
Financial Report (Pre Audit)

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Costs	Items	Totals
Purchase Inspection	\$ 119,548.1	
Mortgage Interest	605,625	
Service 91's (Gas Elec, Water, Sewer)	544,581	
Relocation Expense	658,193	
Contractors, etc	473,975.7	827,551.2
City Participation:		
Materials	68,910	
Labor	209,199	
Supervision	56,088	
fringe Benefits	24,283	
Equipment Used	44,980	314,980
Settlement Costs		
Pay off Mortgage Note	450,000.00	
Accrued Interest Charged	31,875	
Sales Commission	45,000.00	
Open Discount	22,700.00	
Closing Fee	7,500	
Legal Inspection	2,500	
Recording Fees	2,000	
Water Escrow	20,000	
Inspection Fees	7,500	524,837.5
(Costs)	Total	1,388,886.7
Revenue		
Gross Sales Price of Property	\$ 1,300,000.00	
Due from Settlement Agent	20,000	1,320,000.00
* Net Loss from Operation		\$ 86,886.7
* Subject to more detailed internal audit & review by CPA		

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
September 17, 1979

Councilmembers present:

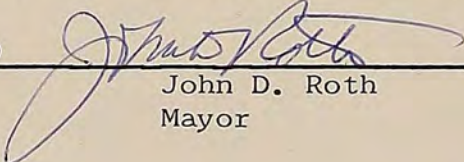
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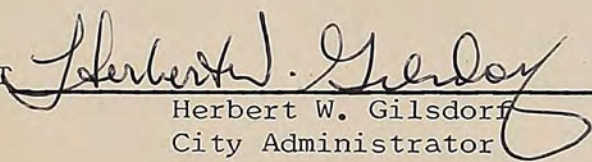
1. Request from Langley Motors to Continue Operation. It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to oppose the continued operation of Langley Motors because of its inconsistency with the C-2 zoning.
2. Continued Parking Behind Library by Takoma Park Elementary School (1968 Addition). The City Administrator was directed by the Mayor and Council to advise that permission was only given for use of this parking during the construction phase, and that continued use of the parking spaces will be contingent upon a favorable review of the activities planned for the site.
3. Cable Television Hearing, September 29. The Mayor and Council were reminded of the important hearing by the Prince George's County Cable Television Commission.
4. Ride-on Bus Route #16. The City Administrator was directed to again survey the Ritchie Avenue neighborhood for comments to be presented at the September 26 Hearing held by Montgomery County.
5. Street Name Change for Central Avenue. The City Administrator was directed to submit the proposed street name change for Central Avenue to the Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association for their review and suggestions.
6. Community School. In response to a letter from Dorothy Malusky, the Mayor and Council directed that letters be written to the Administrator, Citizens Advisory Council and the County Executive protesting reduction in funding. Further, the City Administrator was asked to arrange a meeting between the Takoma Park Junior High School Citizens' Advisory Council, County Executive, and the Mayor and Council to discuss this matter further.

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

APPROVED


John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST


Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

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Councilman Faulkner
Councilman Forshee
Councilman Garcia
Councilman Ricks
Councilwoman Saloma
Councilman Weisman
EXCUSED: Councilman Webb

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Asst. City Administrator Shaffer
City Clerk Pusti
Administrative Asst. Swinton
Police Chief Porter
Public Works Director Robbins
Recreation Director Ziegler
Asst. Corporation Counsel Culpepper

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

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth presented a proclamation to Dana Milligan, representative of the Takoma Park Women's Club, proclaiming the month of October as Energy Efficiency Month in the City. Mrs. Milligan stated that the Women's Club is trying to encourage homeowners to conduct energy checks in their homes and conserve energy; noted that copies of "The Home Energy Check: A Search for Savings" are available in the Library and the Club hopes to involve the entire community in energy awareness. Mayor Roth noted that PEPCO offers a similar energy audit in two forms--can pay a fee of \$25 to have an inspector come to the home to conduct the audit, or PEPCO will send a form to be filled out by the homeowner and a computer analysis will be done and returned with suggestions for improvement; also thanked the Women's Club for taking the initiative in helping to encourage energy awareness.

Announced that the Takoma Park Lions Club will have their Bloodmobile at the Takoma Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church on September 27, from 4-6 PM.

Reminded citizens of the Public Forum on the Staff Draft of the Takoma Park Master Plan to be held on Tuesday, October 9, at 8:00 PM in the City Council Chamber.

Noted that the traffic signals at Carroll-Ethan Allen-Philadelphia are making slow progress; that the poles and signals are up, but the wires have not been installed.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Report from Allan Marsh on Operation Turnaround Board (Councilman Faulkner)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

I. Public Hearing on Proposed Community Development Block Grant program for Submission to Montgomery County, FY-81.

1. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue, Member, CDBG/CAC: requested Council's support of the recommended improvements at Heffner Park and lighting of basketball courts at Junior High School, and also noted that this proposal has been turned down by the County for three years.

2. Lou D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road: supported Mrs. Simpson's remarks concerning recreation requests; noted that the CAC is trying to provide recreational areas for the Maple Avenue apartment corridor. Concerning Operation Paintbrush, hoped that Councilmembers Ricks and Forshee would reconsider their opposition; requested help in installing new and wider sidewalks on Piney Branch Road; read letter of support from two residents of Piney Branch Road.

3. Carlos Stewart, 7710 Maple Avenue, Member, CDBG/CAC: reiterated Mrs. Simpson's request for support of recreational facilities near Maple Avenue apartment corridor; also suggested more play equipment for area parks; said that the Junior High basketball courts present few problems with neighboring houses.

4. Opal Daniels, 19 Sherman Avenue, Member, CDBG/CAC: supported previous speakers concerning lighting of basketball courts.

5. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: stated that Operation Paintbrush is not a program for individuals, but for the community; suggested that it be tried out in the target area of Allegheny-Westmoreland Avenues, also suggested Sycamore Avenue as a target area; noted her disappointment that Operation Turnaround was not included in the recommendations; noted that the grass strip and sidewalk by the street at Takoma Tower has been ruined by trucks and suggested that trees be planted there to discourage parking.

6. Dennis Seekins, 8217 Roanoke Avenue: asked what happened to the planned street improvements and foot path for Kennebec Avenue and why multi-family buildings are excluded from rehabilitation loan program. The City Administrator stated that the foot path would be on Park and Planning property and they will consider it in future plans; that he would check into it; stated that the Counties and State offer a rehabilitation loan program for multi-family properties.

II. Report from Operation Turnaround Board. Mr. Allan Marsh reported that the properties listed two weeks ago were sold almost immediately; that 6805 Westmoreland Avenue sold for \$72,000 and 6807 Westmoreland Avenue for \$65,000. The Mayor and Council commended the Board.

III. Other Remarks by Citizens

1. Paul Plant, 7411 Carroll Avenue: gave a report on the September 9 Takoma Park folk festival, saying that the Takoma Park Boy's Club had been designated as the recipient of festival profits. Presented a check to Mr. Lee Jordan, President, and thanked members of the Club and others for their assistance. Mayor Roth expressed his appreciation of new supportive efforts on behalf of the Club noting that Mr. Jordan has operated it almost single-handedly for many years solely on contributions from citizens and groups like the Lions Club.

2. Ellen Marsh: announced that Historic Takoma, Inc. will be holding an Old House Workshop on October 6th, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Municipal Building; also that Maryland Historic Trust would be showing a film and slide show on November 7th at the Municipal Building on revitalization of old commercial areas.

3. Clarence Boatman, 133 Ritchie Avenue: regarding the proposed change of Ride-on bus route #16 onto Ritchie Avenue, stated that he had spoken to several neighbors on Ritchie Avenue and all but two were opposed; that 14 families are willing to sign a petition to this effect. The street already has too much traffic, is very narrow, and there are not enough residents using the bus to warrant the change, and that there had been no official vote of the Ritchie Avenue Citizens' Association requesting the rerouting. Requested that City enforce the "No Trucks" ordinance on Ritchie Avenue; also noted that he is still hoping for traffic signal at Ritchie and Piney Branch Road to operate at least during rush hours.

4. Sammie Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: asked for a report on the status of the Winchester-Takoma in terms of ownership and progress in fulfilling rehabilitation goals. Said that a specific amount should have been stated in the Washington Adventist Hospital bond resolution passed by the Council at the last meeting. Councilwoman Saloma agreed. The City Administrator and the Mayor restated the process involved and pointed out that this aspect had been fully covered at the August 27 public hearing.

5. Opal Daniels: stated her support for the proposed stop signs on Lee Avenue at Hancock Avenue; requested that the Ride-on disembarkation point be moved from the spot directly in front of dumpsters behind Langley Theater.

6. Jack Hedgeman, 7202 Flower Avenue: stated his support for the proposed stop sign on Flower at Garland Avenue, citing the difficulty of backing out of driveways and the loss of pets and safety of children.

7. Tom Pogue, 7205 Flower Avenue: reiterated statements of previous speaker concerning stop sign on Flower at Garland; suggested that signs be installed cautioning motorists of children playing.

8. John Stewart, 6612 Allegheny Avenue: requested that street improvements be made on Allegheny Avenue, saying the street should be widened and new sidewalks installed; suggested changing to one-way if not widened. The City Administrator stated that Allegheny Avenue is in the CDBG target area and improvements have been funded for the current fiscal year.

9. Saul Schniderman, 7925 Sligo Creek Parkway: stated his support for lighting of TPJHS basketball courts. Asked what action Council has taken on the cut in funding for the School. Mayor Roth stated that letters of protest were sent to the County and a request for a meeting with the County Executive had been made.

10. Debbie Jarvis, 7204 Flower Avenue: stated her support for the stop sign on Flower at Garland Avenue.

11. Carlos Stewart: asked for information on funding cut at TPJHS and the proposed bus shelters; noted that tenants along Maple Avenue have requested that the hours of Ride-on bus #17 be extended until 11 PM. The City Administrator stated that the funding for all County Community Schools has been reduced to \$2,000 which is a \$6,000 cut for Takoma Park; that the bus shelters are proposed for the corners of Maple and Sherman Avenues and Maple and Lincoln Avenues and one in North Takoma; that pictures of the proposed shelters are available in the City Office.

12. Ellery Dennison, 7207 - 13th Place: stated that he thought the purpose of the bond issue for Washington Adventist Hospital is very good and he has been well served by them, but that careful studies should be done; that the issue could possibly affect the City's reputation and integrity even if it does not affect the credit rating; also noted that the area is over-hospitalized.

13. Ron Albaugh, 7202 Central Avenue: stated his support for stop sign on Flower at Garland Avenue.

14. Roland Halstead, 7116 Maple Avenue: stated that there is a traffic problem throughout the City and that he would like to see the City hire a traffic engineer. Stated that he felt there should be some benefits expressly for Takoma Park residents from the WAH bond issue; that the lower costs would apply to all clients of the Hospital. Councilwoman Saloma endorsed the quid pro quo concept and indicated that at the time the Resolution was presented, despite some stated misgivings, she had voted for it as a demonstration of good faith in the Hospital staff's commitment to the community; that she had expressed a desire that the old Sanitarium building be retained, but had not conditioned her vote on compliance with that request. Councilman Weisman noted that WAH is working on a computer program to pull out low-income Takoma Park patients.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Montgomery County CDBG Proposal; Public Hearing: 8:00 PM, 9-26-79, COB, Rockville. Councilman Forshee made a motion that the CDBG/CAC's proposal be approved and passed on to the County; this was duly seconded by Councilman Garcia; Councilman Forshee noted that he still does not agree with proposal for Operation Paintbrush. Councilman Faulkner moved that the proposal be amended to include \$50,000 for Operation Turnaround Board; this was seconded by Councilwoman Saloma and approved by the Council unanimously. Councilman Ricks moved that an amendment be included to stipulate that Operation Paintbrush apply only in target areas; this was seconded by Councilman Forshee; after further discussion, Councilman Ricks changed his motion to state that Operation Paintbrush monies be restricted for use in areas of special need; this change was accepted by Councilman Forshee and approved unanimously by the Council. Councilwoman Saloma made a motion to change some language concerning the proposals for Heffner Park and lighting for basketball courts at the Junior High to indicate the requests are to fill a social need and that the shelter at Heffner Park is used by a non-profit cooperative nursery; this motion was seconded by Councilman Ricks and approved by the Council. After further discussion, when the motion to accept the entire proposal, as amended, was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously by the Council. (Copies of proposal available in City Office.)

2. Three resolutions designating the Mayor and City Administrator/Treasurer as agents of the Corporation authorized to conduct City business with the following banks: Suburban Trust Company, First American Bank of Maryland, and the Citizens Bank and Trust Company. The City Administrator reported that these resolutions would bring up to date the authorized signers of checks for the City. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded by Councilman Faulkner, these three resolutions were approved. It was noted that these resolutions do not limit the City to operating only with these three banks; that possibly at a later time, more resolutions will be presented. Assistant City Administrator Alan Shaffer reviewed the City's investment policy. (Resolutions are attached.)

3. First Reading of a Proposed Ordinance authorizing stop signs on Lee Avenue at its intersection with Hancock Avenue. The Council agreed to contact the area's citizens' association for their views and request a response by the next meeting; the proposed ordinance was approved for the Second Reading on October 9.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. THAT all vehicular traffic travelling on Lee Avenue shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Hancock Avenue; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to erect the appropriate signs to effect the directive in Section 1, thus creating a 4-way stop; 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 Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, as amended.

4. First Reading of a Proposed Ordinance authorizing a stop sign on the northeast corner of Flower Avenue at its intersection with Garland Avenue. This proposed ordinance was approved for Second Reading on October 9, and input was requested from the Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association for the next meeting. Councilwoman Saloma made a motion that "Caution, Children Playing" signs be installed on Flower Avenue where most appropriate; this was seconded by Councilman Garcia and approved by the Council, with Councilman Forshee abstaining.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. THAT all vehicular traffic entering Flower Avenue from Sligo Creek Parkway shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Garland Avenue, thereby creating a 3-way stop; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby directed to install a STOP sign at the northeast corner of Flower Avenue at its intersection with Garland Avenue; AND

SECTION 3. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing; AND

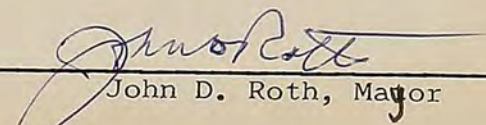
SECTION 4. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as stated in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, as amended.

5. Authorization to solicit bids on two Public Works vehicles: 1/2-ton van and 2-1/2-ton dump truck (Revenue Sharing Funds). It was noted by the City Administrator that both vehicles are replacements. Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, duly seconded by Councilman Forshee, authorization was unanimously given to solicit bids.

6. Concerning the proposed Ride-on bus route change to Ritchie Avenue, Councilwoman Saloma made a motion, duly seconded, that the City oppose this rerouting because of the indicated lack of neighborhood support reported by Mr. Boatman. When this motion was put to a vote, it was approved by the Council.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM, to reconvene on Tuesday, October 9, 1979, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED


John D. Roth, Mayor

ATTEST


Herbert W. Gilsdorf, City Administrator

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Suburban Trust Company is hereby designated as a depository of this Corporation and that a checking account be opened and maintained in the name of this Corporation with said bank; that any one (1) of the two (2) following officers and agents of the Corporation: Mayor, or City Administrator/ Treasurer, are hereby authorized on behalf of this Corporation and in its name to sign checks, drafts, notes, bills of exchange, acceptances or other orders for the payment of money from said account; to endorse checks, notes, bills, certificates of deposit, or other instruments, owned or held by this Corporation, for deposit in said account, or for collection of discount by said bank, to accept drafts, acceptances, and other instruments payable at said bank; to waive demand, protest and notice of protest, or dishonor any check, note, bill, draft, or other instrument made, drawn or endorsed by this Corporation; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said bank be and is hereby authorized to honor, receive, certify or pay all instruments signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any officer signing the same or tendered for cashing, or in payment of the individual obligation of such officer, or for deposit to his personal account, and said bank shall not be required, or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issuance or use of any instrument signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, or the application, or disposition of such instrument, or the proceeds thereof; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to said bank the names of the presently duly elected and qualified officers of this Corporation and shall from time to time hereafter, as changes in the personnel of said officers are made, immediately certify such changes to the bank, and said bank shall be fully protected in relying on such certifications of the City Clerk and shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any claims, demands, expenses, loss or damage resulting from, or growing out of honoring the signature of any officer so certified or refusing to honor any signature of any officer so certified or refusing to honor any signature not so certified; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of their amendment or rescission shall have been received by said bank, and that receipt of such notice shall not affect any action taken by the bank prior thereto; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to certify to said bank the foregoing resolution and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of this Corporation.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the 1st American Bank of Maryland is hereby designated as a depository of this Corporation and that a checking account be opened and maintained in the name of this Corporation with said bank; that any one (1) of the two (2) following officers and agents of the Corporation: Mayor, or City Administrator/ Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of this Corporation and in its name to sign checks, drafts, notes, bills of exchange, acceptances or other orders for the payment of money from said account; to endorse checks, notes, bills, certificates of deposit, or other instruments, owned or held by this Corporation, for deposit in said account, or for collection or discount by said bank, to accept drafts, acceptances and other instruments payable at said bank; to waive demand, protest and notice of protest, or dishonor any check, note, bill, draft, or other instrument made, drawn or endorsed by this Corporation; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said bank be and is hereby authorized to honor, receive, certify or pay all instruments signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any officer signing the same or tendered for cashing, or in payment of the individual obligation of such officer, or for deposit to his personal account, and said bank shall not be required, or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issuance or use of any instrument signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, or the application, or disposition of such instrument, or the proceeds thereof; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to said bank the names of the presently duly elected and qualified officers of this Corporation and shall from time to time hereafter, as changes in the personnel of said officers are made, immediately certify such changes to the bank, and said bank shall be fully protected in relying on such certifications of the City Clerk and shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any claims, demands, expenses, loss or damage resulting from, or growing out of honoring the signature of any officer so certified or refusing to honor any signature of any officer so certified or refusing to honor any signature not so certified; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of their amendment or rescission shall have been received by said bank, and that receipt of such notice shall not affect any action taken by the bank prior thereto; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to certify to said bank the foregoing resolution and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of this Corporation.

RESOLUTION

- BE IT RESOLVED that the Citizen Bank and Trust Company is hereby designated as a depository of this Corporation and that a checking account be opened and maintained in the name of this Corporation with said bank; that any one (1) of the two (2) following officers and agents of the Corporation: Mayor, or City Administrator/ Treasurer are hereby authorized on behalf of this Corporation and in its name to sign checks, drafts, notes, bills of exchange, acceptances or other orders for the payment of money from said account; to endorse checks, notes, bills, certificates of deposit, or other instruments, owned or held by this Corporation, for deposit in said account, or for collection or discount by said bank, to accept drafts, acceptances, and other instruments payable at said bank; to waive demand, protest and notice of protest, or dishonor any check, note, bill, draft, or other instrument made, drawn or endorsed by this Corporation; AND
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said bank be and is hereby authorized to honor, receive, certify or pay all instruments signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution even though drawn or endorsed to the order of any officer signing the same or tendered for cashing, or in payment of the individual obligation of such officer, or for deposit to his personal account, and said bank shall not be required, or be under any obligation to inquire as to the circumstances of the issuance or use of any instrument signed in accordance with the foregoing resolution, or the application, or disposition of such instrument, or the proceeds thereof; AND
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to said bank the names of the presently duly elected and qualified officers of this Corporation and shall from time to time hereafter, as changes in the personnel of said officers are made, immediately certify such changes to the bank, and said bank shall be fully protected in relying on such certifications of the City Clerk and shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any claims, demands, expenses, loss or damage resulting from, or growing out of honoring the signature of any officer so certified or refusing to honor any signature of any officer so certified or refusing to honor any signature not so certified; AND
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of their amendment or rescission shall have been received by said bank, and that receipt of such notice shall not affect any action taken by the bank prior thereto; AND
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to certify to said bank the foregoing resolution and that the provisions thereof are in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of this Corporation.