

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
December 3, 1979

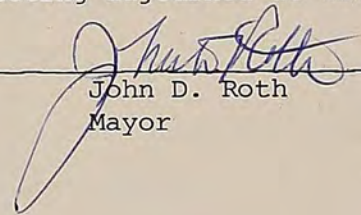
Councilmembers present:

- 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 8:00 PM.

1. Mayor Roth reported to the Council on the programs of the National League of Cities Conference.
2. Georgetown Clinic. Mayor Roth advised the Council that County Executive Gilchrist had located within the County budget, funds that would permit the continued operation of the Clinic until June 1980, and at that time, some permanent decision will have to be made about continued operations.
3. Cable Television Committee. Mayor Roth, Councilman Weisman and Councilman Ricks were appointed to serve as the Cable Television Committee.
4. Bus Shelter--Merrimac Drive and Lockney Avenue. After discussion, the Mayor and Council directed the City Administrator to advise the Montgomery County D.O.T. that this location is acceptable to the City.
5. Amendment to 18-hour Parking Ordinance. After discussion, the Mayor and Council directed the City Administrator to prepare an ordinance for First Reading for the December 10 Council meeting which would change the present ordinance to 72 hours.
6. Old Takoma Area Traffic Study. The report prepared by a consultant was discussed and it was decided by the Mayor and Council that the consultant should be invited to present his report to citizens at a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

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

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City Administrator Gilsdorf
Asst. City Administrator Shaffer
Administrative Asst. Swinton
Police Chief Porter
Public Works Director Robbins
Recreation Director Ziegler
Corporation Counsel Gingerich

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on December 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 November 26; this motion was approved by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth pointed out inaccuracies in Mr. Prosten's statement at the last Council meeting when he said that only small cities still retain at-large elections, noting the following as having at-large elections: Rockville, second largest city in State, Bowie, close to the third largest city in State, and Gaithersburg, which has a population of almost 30,000.

Noted his attendance of the Takoma Park Boys' Club Annual Sports Award Banquet; that there was an overflow crowd; stated that Mr. Mike Curtis of the Redskins and Mrs. Freddie Davies of the Takoma Park Community School were guest speakers.

Stated that he had written letter to County Executive Gilchrist protesting the proposed closing of the Montgomery-Georgetown Clinic; that he had received a reply stating that the County Executive had recommended funding the Clinic through June 1980; that hopefully there will be discussions of continued funding in the County's budget hearings in the Spring.

Listed several apprehensions made by the Police Department, which closed 22 cases including those involving armed robbery, stolen property and purse snatchings.

Stated his regret at the death of Mr. F. Frank Rubini, who was at one time the athletic director of Montgomery College, and later and more importantly, the director of parks for the M-NCP&PC.

Mayor Roth made a motion that the Council approve a resolution of gratitude for Mrs. Kathryn B. Simpson for her ten years of dedicated service to the City as Chairwoman of the Community Improvement Board; also noted that he was very sorry to see her resign that position. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee and unanimously approved by the Council. Mayor Roth also presented Mrs. Simpson with a plaque and stated that he hoped to see her at future City functions.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Kathryn B. Simpson was instrumental in the founding of the Community Improvement Board in 1968, and has served as its Chairwoman for ten years; AND
WHEREAS, during Mrs. Simpson's decade of service as the guiding force behind the Community Improvement Board, the City has witnessed a remarkable "improvement" in the condition and appearance of its housing stock; AND

WHEREAS, this recovery has been achieved largely through the devotion of Mrs. Simpson and the Community Improvement Board to the proposition that positive change can be brought about by persuasion and reason among neighbors, when applied with sensitivity; AND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to recognize Mrs. Simpson's devoted and unheralded service to the community of Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland do hereby express their appreciation to Mrs. Kathryn B. Simpson for her unselfish service to the City.

Mrs. Simpson made the following statement: "I am grateful for the opportunity to have been the Chairman of the CIB for so long. Grateful for the support of two Mayors and six Councils. And most grateful for the dignified way past and present members (nearly 150) of the Board have gone about the business for which we were responsible. The ride-around approach, always with three members riding together, has been helpful to the City administration. The low-key manner we have used is essential to the sensitive work. We are proud that no serious friction has ever developed among ourselves, with the City government and its staff, or with the public. Our approach has been geared to improving the physical attractiveness of our community, which we believe it has done. I would compliment the Council and the Mayor. This is one of the programs they initiated and have continued to support to the benefit of all of Takoma Park. It is an example of the positive action typical of the Takoma Park government, I have observed through these twelve years. Confrontations at public meetings sometimes distract the citizens from the daily accomplishments of the City officials, of which this program is only one. Let me say again, it has been a pleasure to serve you. It has been a learning experience for me, making my present work much less difficult." Councilman Ricks stated that he had worked with Mrs. Simpson when he was serving on the Housing and Code Enforcement Committee and it had always been a pleasure

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Community Improvement Board Chairmanship (Mayor Roth)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. David Prosten, Chairman, Citizens' for Election Reform: offered his apologies to any citizen that was misled by statements he had made, but noted that the statement only alluded to the majority of larger cities; expressed pleasure with the report on the petition which stated that there were enough signatures to have the question of election by wards placed on ballot. Said that the Council should have received his group's legal response to the Corporation Counsel's report on ward elections being unconstitutional without prior reapportionment of the wards; requested that Council proceed with planning for special election. Mayor Roth stated that holding an election by wards, without reapportionment of those wards, and the possibility that it would be unconstitutional, would bother him immensely; noted that under the present system, each citizen is represented by seven Councilmembers, instead of just one. Mr. Prosten stated that all problems have to be balanced and felt that the Council should go with the better choice of having the election by wards and re-districting after the election.

2. Sammie Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: requested that the arguments against special election be presented now, so that citizens could have a chance to respond; stated his opinion that elections at-large with wards that are unequal is in violation of the one man-one vote rule.

Corporation Counsel Gingerich responded as follows: that if a ward election were to be held with the current structure of the wards, it would, in his opinion, violate the one man-one vote rule, but that at-large elections would be valid with the wards as they are; that in Mr. Prosten's memorandum, one of the cases listed (which stated that the City is on thin ice by holding at-large elections without equalization of the wards) has been over-ruled and that there was nothing in that memo that would change his opinion. Councilwoman Saloma requested that the Council recognize the author of the response to Mr. Gingerich's opinion. Mr. Lance Compa, of 7717 Garland Avenue, stated that there should not be a debate between attorneys, but that the Council should discharge its duty and make a decision on placing the issue on ballot; noted that if ward elections were held without reapportionment, and someone sought to enjoin the election, based on cases listed in his memo, that person would have to show that he had been discriminated against; key decisions on one man-one vote rule have been mainly based on discrimination cases-- racial or religious; that his contention was that to be in violation of one man-one vote rule, there would have to be a showing of racial discrimination; that under City and State Code, a valid petition has been presented and the Council must take official action on it. Mr. Gingerich stated that the Maryland Court of Appeals has over-ruled the case involving discrimination and that the City must abide by that ruling; that the present City system of at-large, City-wide elections doesn't violate the one man-one vote rule because Maryland court cases have been strictly based on residency requirements and not on discrimination.

3. Larry Robinson, 7504 Holly Avenue: incumbent upon Council to place this issue on ballot since the petition meets all requirements and is no longer in question; question is whether regular election can be based on ward system; stated that he thought the election could be held based on wards already existing and that it would not be considered illegal until someone filed for an injunction. Councilman Ricks said that would be similar to someone committing a crime and it would be considered legal until he was caught; that the Corporation Counsel's opinion is that an election by wards without reapportionment could be held invalid; why should it be held if there could be an injunction filed. Mr. Robinson stated that things like this are done all the time and are considered legal until court action is taken.

4. Sandy Newman, 7101 Cedar Avenue: asked what statistics would be used in reapportioning wards, how much time it would take. Mayor Roth stated that until 1980 Census is complete, the 1970 Census would probably be used; that reapportioning wards would be lengthy procedure and would more than likely have to be conducted on a block-by-block basis although Courts have given a 15% lee-way; that changing the wards would mean amending the City Charter and the process for that is very lengthy. Mr. Newman suggested that the Charter be amended so that the Council could act more quickly on items such as this.

5. Geoff Reed, 7109 Cedar Avenue: suggested that signatures and identification be required of voters for City elections.

6. Roland Halstead, 7116 Maple Avenue: stated his support for a special election to be held; felt that if City did start redistricting now, that it wouldn't make any difference who was running in the March election; that after the election, the ward they would represent would be decided because of the redistricting. Councilman Faulkner noted that that suggestion would not guarantee that there would be a representative for each ward. Mr. Halstead also raised the question of what would happen if no one ran for one ward; the Mayor stated that would create a legal problem.

7. Larry Robinson: suggested that the number of Councilmembers be increased so that there was a representative of the ward for each 1,000 citizens of that ward, i.e., a ward with 1,250 citizens would have one Councilmember and a ward with 3,300 would have three Councilmembers, with a total of 18 Councilmembers.

8. Ed Ehrlich, 201 Spring Avenue: stated that because of the petition drive, it has been determined that 20% of the registered voters of the City want change and would like to see the question placed on ballot.

9. Bob Leyshon, 7105 Cedar Avenue: requested that the Council look into how the parking permit system is operating; noted that he lives across from the Takoma Metro Station and that residents from farther away in that parking permit area drive from their residence and crowd the street in front of his house; suggested that the permit parking hours be increased to coincide with the operating hours of Metro; that the parking permit areas be reduced, or possibly establish two-hour limits for areas closer to Metro station; also suggested that the Post Office employees be made to pay for parking, just as other Federal employees must. The Mayor and Council stated that these problems would be addressed.

10. Sammie Abbott: stated that he didn't believe an election by wards would be unconstitutional; that if Council believes redistricting is necessary, they should start the process immediately; stated that ward voting would become an issue at the regular election if a special election is not decided on.

11. Fred Feinstein, 7000 Sycamore Avenue: hoped that the Council would take expedient action on the ward election issue as they had with a problem in his neighborhood.

12. Sandy Newman: reiterated previous statement concerning pushing forward more quickly for a special election.

13. Donald Ramsey, 8116 Roanoke Avenue: stated that a public hearing is not required for reapportionment of the wards; felt Council could move up timetable for reapportionment by calling special meeting; in personal survey conducted in several blocks of his neighborhood, noted that 90% of residents wanted to see issue placed on ballot.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. Evelyne Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue: Praised the City departments, especially the sanitation department crew, for their hard work throughout the year and sent a contribution to the crew for their Christmas party.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Report by City Administrator and City Clerk on citizens' petition for Charter amendment. The City Administrator reported the following concerning the verification of signatures on the petition for ward elections presented to Council on November 13: petition contained 2,017 signatures, of which 1,644 were found to be registered voters of the City and therefore valid; 269 signatures were found to be invalid (153 not registered, 51 not City residents, 65 duplicates) and the remaining 104, for various other reasons, could neither be validated nor invalidated. As of November 13, 1979, there were 7,458 registered voters in the City; the Charter requires the signatures of at least 20% of the voters in order to place a proposed Charter amendment on ballot--in this instance, the figure is 1,492; that the petition presented to the Council met that requirement with signatures of approximately 22% of the registered voters. (Copies of report available in City Office.)

2. Action on citizens' petition for Charter amendment. Councilman Weisman noted the difficulty in digesting all the information presented and making a decision; said that, although he had not signed the petition and did not know whether or not he would vote for it, he felt that the efforts of the group in collecting 1,644 signatures deserved some recognition. He moved that a special election for the purpose of voting on the question of ward elections be held as soon as possible before the Caucus in February 1980; Councilwoman Saloma seconded the motion. There followed a lengthy discussion concerning various dates for a special election and possibilities of redistricting prior to the Caucus and/or regular election. When Councilman Weisman's motion was put to a vote, it was defeated, with the vote recorded as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Ricks, Saloma, Weisman; NAY: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia and Webb. Councilman Weisman then placed another motion on the floor to have the question of election by wards placed on the ballot at the regular election in March 1980; this motion was seconded by Councilman Forshee. When the motion was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously, with Councilman Ricks noting the difficulties of having to vote on the second motion when he preferred the first. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator and City Clerk to prepare the proper instrument to facilitate the action taken by the Council. (See Resolution, Attachment A.)

3. Ordinance revising the FY-80 Pay Plan. The City Administrator stated that the Pay Plan has been revised from 6 steps to 10, with a 2½% cost-of-living adjustment included. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded, Ordinance #2519 (Attachment B) was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None. Councilman Ricks congratulated the Council for approving increased compensation for City employees for the jobs they do; that the City has good employees and they are dedicated to their jobs.

4. First Reading of an ordinance amending Code to permit 72-hour parking on City streets. The City Administrator noted that this proposed ordinance would increase the time limit of parking on City streets from 18 consecutive hours to 72 hours. It was decided by the Council to pass the proposed ordinance on for Second Reading at the next Council meeting. There was some discussion of the problems of the permit parking areas brought up by Mr. Leyshon; it was decided by the Council that the City staff should look into suggestions made by Mr. Leyshon and report back to the Council, also any comments or recommendations from Councilmembers would be helpful.

FIRST READING OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. THAT Subsection (a) (6) of Sec. 13-64, "Parking or standing; prohibited areas," Code of Takoma Park, 1972, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

(6) On any highway or roadway for more than ~~eighteen (18)~~ SEVENTY-TWO (72) consecutive hours;

SECTION 2. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption after second reading.

Note: ---- Denotes deletion
CAPS Denotes addition

5. Ordinance appropriating Revenue Sharing Funds to cover enforcement of certain sections of Montgomery County's Landlord-Tenant Relations Act in Takoma Park. The City Administrator reported that the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds would be coming from FY-79 allocation as well as from FY-80, since the billing from Landlord-Tenant is for the calenday year 1979. Upon motion by Councilman Ricks, duly seconded by Councilman Forshee, the ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE #2520

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

- SECTION 1. THAT on June 6, 1975, the Mayor and Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs to enforce in the Montgomery County section of Takoma Park, Articles I, II, IV and V of the Montgomery County Fair Landlord-Tenant Relations Act; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT funds were set aside to cover this service in the FY-80 Federal Revenue Sharing proposed use schedule; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT a bill has been received with the sum of \$13,941 now being due and payable for the calendar year 1979.
- SECTION 4. THEREFORE THAT funds in the amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FOURTY ONE DOLLARS (\$13,941) be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund Account and transferred to the appropriate account for payment to the Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs for the period of January 1, 1979 through December 31, 1979.

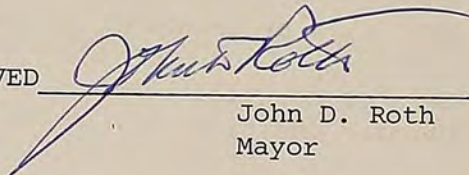
6. Mayor Roth stated that Mrs. Simpson had agreed to continue assisting the Community Improvement Board until the next ride-around is completed in March 1980; that she has proposed that Mr. James Holland be appointed as Chairman of the CIB; Mr. Holland has agreed to assume that position, as well as the chairmanship of next year's CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee; that Mr. Holland was a good choice and would do a good job with the CIB. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded by Councilman Webb, it was the unanimous decision of the Council to appoint Mr. James Holland to the chairmanship of the CIB. Mayor Roth asked that Mrs. Simpson introduce Mr. Holland at the next meeting.

7. Councilman Ricks noted that the Recreation Department had held its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 9 and that a good time was had by all. Councilman Ricks made a motion to wish all the citizens of Takoma Park a happy and safe holiday season and noted that this has been a controversial year, both nationally and locally, and asked that all the citizens and the Council join the nation in wishing a safe return of the hostages being held in Iran; this was seconded by Councilman Garcia and unanimously approved by the Council.

8. Regarding Prince George's County CDBG funds, Councilman Garcia reported that the Prince George's County staff would be visiting all locations and establishing priorities for funding proposals submitted.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM, to reconvene on Monday, January 14, 1980, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED



John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST

Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

SECTION 1. WHEREAS, Sec. 2-67 of Article 5, entitled Personnel, of the City of Takoma Park Code, 1972, as amended, provides that pay scales may be altered by the Mayor and Council to reflect employee cost-of-living needs; AND

SECTION 2. THAT an unexpected surplus (\$55,000) has been received from the State, representing a one-time refund on a formula error in the distribution of Highway User Revenues, and the Mayor and Council deem it desirable to use these funds to bring employees' salaries more in line with current inflation.

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT Section 8 of Ordinance 1400, and amendments thereto, Pay Scale Plan, be revised to provide a new Plan in accordance with the schedule below, to be retroactively effective as of July 1, 1979:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	L-1	L-2
Crossing Guard	6	2,294	2,502	2,713									
Clerk/Dispatcher	8	9,599	9,964	10,342	10,735	11,147	11,567	12,007	12,463	12,936	13,428	14,099	14,804
Parking Enforcement Officer	10	10,540	10,941	11,356	11,788	12,236	12,701	13,183	13,684	14,204	14,744	15,481	16,255
Private	16	13,988	14,520	15,071	15,644	16,238	16,856	17,496	18,161	18,851	19,567	20,545	21,573
Private First Class	17	14,668	15,225	15,804	16,404	17,028	17,675	18,347	19,044	19,767	20,518	21,544	22,622
Corporal	18	15,383	15,966	16,574	17,204	17,858	18,536	19,241	19,972	20,731	21,519	22,594	23,724
Sergeant	20	16,963	17,608	18,277	18,971	19,692	20,440	21,217	22,023	22,860	23,729	24,915	26,161
Lieutenant	23	19,640	20,386	21,161	21,965	22,800	23,666	24,565	25,499	26,468	27,472	28,847	30,290

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Custodial Worker	6	8,745	9,077	9,422	9,780	10,152	10,538	10,938	11,354	11,785	12,233	12,845	13,487
Mechanic's Helper	7	9,162	9,510	9,872	10,247	10,636	11,040	11,460	11,895	12,347	12,816	13,457	16,255
Laborer	7	9,162	9,510	9,872	10,247	10,636	11,040	11,460	11,895	12,347	12,816	13,457	16,255
Assistant Driver	8	9,599	9,964	10,342	10,735	11,147	11,567	12,007	12,463	12,936	13,428	14,099	14,804
Driver Foreman	9	10,058	10,440	10,837	11,249	11,676	12,120	12,580	13,058	13,555	14,070	14,773	15,512
Equipment Operator I	9	10,058	10,440	10,837	11,249	11,676	12,120	12,580	13,058	13,555	14,070	14,773	15,512
Equipment Operator II	10	10,540	10,941	11,356	11,788	12,236	12,701	13,183	13,684	14,204	14,744	15,481	16,255
Equipment Operator III	11	11,048	11,468	11,904	12,356	12,825	13,313	13,819	14,344	14,889	15,455	16,227	17,039

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	L-1	L-2
Clerk/Typist	7	9,162	9,510	9,872	10,247	10,636	11,040	11,460	11,895	12,377	12,816	13,457	14,130
Secretary	9	10,058	10,440	10,837	11,249	11,676	12,170	12,580	13,058	13,555	14,070	14,773	15,512
Administrative Aide	10	10,540	10,941	11,356	11,788	12,236	12,701	13,183	13,684	14,204	14,744	15,481	16,255
Accounting Clerk I	10	10,540	10,941	11,356	11,788	12,236	12,701	13,183	13,684	14,204	14,744	15,481	16,255
Accounting Clerk II	11	11,048	11,468	11,904	12,356	12,825	13,313	13,819	14,344	14,889	15,455	16,227	17,039
Accounting Supervisor	14	12,726	13,210	13,712	14,233	14,773	15,335	15,918	16,522	17,150	17,802	18,692	19,627
Administrative Assistant	16	13,988	14,520	15,071	15,644	16,238	16,856	17,496	18,161	18,851	19,567	20,545	21,573
City Clerk	18	15,383	15,966	16,574	17,204	17,858	18,536	19,241	19,977	20,731	21,519	22,594	23,724
Recreation Director	18	15,383	15,966	16,574	17,204	18,858	18,536	19,241	19,972	20,731	21,519	22,594	23,724
Library Director	21	17,811	18,488	19,190	19,920	20,677	21,462	22,278	23,124	23,003	24,915	26,161	27,469
Assistant City Administrator & Director of Community Development	24	20,621	21,405	22,218	23,062	23,938	24,848	25,792	26,772	27,790	28,846	30,288	31,802
Public Works Director	25	21,650	22,473	23,327	24,213	25,133	26,088	27,080	28,109	29,177	30,285	31,800	33,390
Police Chief	25	21,650	22,473	23,327	24,213	25,133	26,088	27,080	28,109	29,177	30,285	31,800	33,390
City Administrator	29	26,318	27,318	28,356	29,434	30,552	31,713	32,918	34,169	35,468	36,816	38,657	40,590

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT the aforementioned FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS in State funds be appropriated from the General Fund and transferred to the General Salary Account.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 10, 1979.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CONT.:

		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	L-1	L-2
Mechanic	14	12,726	13,210	13,712	14,233	14,773	15,335	15,918	16,522	17,150	17,802	18,692	19,627
Building Maintenance Supervisor	18	15,383	15,966	16,574	17,204	17,858	18,536	19,241	19,972	20,731	21,519	22,594	23,724
Auto Equipment Supervisor	18	15,383	15,966	16,574	17,204	17,858	18,536	19,241	19,972	20,731	21,519	22,594	23,724
Parks Supervisor	18	15,383	15,966	16,574	17,204	17,858	18,536	19,241	19,972	20,731	21,519	22,594	23,724
Sanitation Supervisor	18	15,383	15,966	16,574	17,204	17,858	18,536	19,241	19,972	20,731	21,519	22,594	23,724
Streets Supervisor	20	16,963	17,608	18,272	18,971	19,692	20,440	21,217	22,023	22,860	23,729	24,915	26,161

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Code Enforcement Officer I	16	13,988	14,520	15,071	15,644	16,238	16,856	17,496	18,161	18,851	19,567	20,545	21,573
Code Enforcement Officer II	17	14,668	15,225	15,804	16,404	17,028	17,675	18,347	19,044	19,767	20,518	21,544	22,622

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Recreation Attendant	1	6,939	7,203	7,476	7,760	8,055	8,361	8,679	9,009	9,351	9,707	10,192	10,702
Recreation Aide	6	8,745	9,077	9,422	9,780	10,152	10,538	10,939	11,354	11,785	12,233	12,845	13,487
Recreation Counselor	9	10,058	10,440	10,837	11,249	11,676	12,120	12,580	13,058	13,555	14,070	14,773	15,512
Recreation Supervisor	12	11,580	12,020	12,477	12,951	13,443	13,954	14,484	15,035	15,606	16,199	17,009	17,859

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT:

Library Assistant	8	9,599	9,964	10,342	10,735	11,147	11,567	12,007	12,463	12,936	13,428	14,099	14,804
Librarian	14	12,726	13,216	13,712	14,233	14,773	15,335	15,918	16,522	17,150	17,802	18,692	19,627
Assistant Library Director	18	15,383	15,966	16,574	17,204	17,858	18,536	19,241	19,972	20,731	21,519	22,594	23,724

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the following petition to amend Sec. 1.3(c) and Sec. 1.3(e) of the City Charter has been received by the Mayor and City Council:

As provided by Sec. 1.31 of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park, the undersigned registered voters of the city hereby endorse this petition to submit to referendum this

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO DELETE "AT-LARGE" VOTING FOR COUNCILMEMBERS AND PROVIDE FOR "WARD-ONLY" VOTING FOR COUNCILMEMBERS

by substituting new language in place of Sec. 1.3(c) and (e) as follows:

Sec. 1.3 (c) Beginning with the election to be held on the fourth Tuesday in [March 1966] MARCH-1980 and every second year thereafter, the mayor [and councilmen] shall be elected at large; [two councilmen shall be elected from within the boundaries of the First and Second Ward within the city; two councilmen shall be elected from within the boundaries of the Third and Fourth Ward within the city; one councilman shall be elected from within the boundaries of the Fifth Ward within the city; and two councilmen shall be elected from within the boundaries of the Sixth and Seventh Ward within the city.] **ONE MEMBER OF COUNCIL SHALL BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF THE WARDS BY VOTERS OF THAT WARD ONLY.**

Sec. 1.3 (e) The candidate receiving the largest number of votes for mayor shall be declared elected. [The candidate receiving the largest number of votes and the candidate receiving the next largest number of votes from the First and Second Ward and the candidate receiving the largest number of votes and the candidate receiving the next largest number of votes from the Third and Fourth Ward and the candidate receiving the largest number of votes from the Fifth Ward and the candidate receiving the largest number of votes and the candidate receiving the next largest number of votes from the Sixth and Seventh Ward shall be declared elected.] **THE CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL RECEIVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES IN EACH WARD SHALL BE DECLARED ELECTED.**

Please note: [Language inside of bold brackets is to be deleted] and the NEW LANGUAGE proposed is in CAPITAL LETTERS.

WHEREAS, the said petition was presented to the Mayor and Council on November 13, 1979, and contained 2,017 signatures; AND

WHEREAS, the signatures presented on the petition have been examined and 1,644 were determined to be valid after verification through the Montgomery and Prince George's Counties voter lists; AND

WHEREAS, the total number of validated signatures (1,644) meets the required twenty per cent (20%) needed to have the issue placed on the ballot; AND

WHEREAS, the populations within each ward, as the wards are presently drawn, are widely unequal for the purpose of election of a single councilman from each ward; AND

WHEREAS, due to the necessity of equalizing ward populations by Charter Amendment prior to holding elections by wards, and the present time constraints, the Council has elected to place the question of election by wards on the ballot of the next regular City election; therefore, the date of implementation of the proposed charter amendment, if approved by the voters at the March 1980 election, is effectively changed to the fourth Tuesday in March 1982.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, that the question of election by wards shall be placed on the ballot at the next City election, to be held on March 25, 1980, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is authorized and directed to have this question placed on each voting machine with the words "Amend the City Charter to provide that one member of the Council be elected from each ward by the voters of that ward only," and also the words, "For the Charter Amendment" and "Against the Charter Amendment."

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
December 17, 1979

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. Special Extension of Leave for Henry Powell. After discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed to extend Henry Powell's injury leave through the end of February to permit time for a hearing on disability retirement. The Mayor and Council expressed strongly to the City Administrator that this was not an action setting precedent, but rather, recognition of Mr. Powell's exemplary conduct and dedicated service and a reflection of the unique circumstances of his disabling accident.
2. Holiday--December 24. In the spirit of the holiday season, the Mayor and Council agreed to grant City employees the remaining half day to make Christmas Eve a holiday for City employees.
3. Variance--204/206 Spring Avenue. The City Administrator was directed to survey the neighborhood and appropriate civic associations as to their thinking on the matter.
4. Geneva Avenue Resubdivision. The Mayor and Council directed the City Administrator to write a letter to Park and Planning expressing no opposition to the creation of a new lot at 110 Geneva Avenue.
5. Wording of Charter Amendment on Ballot. The City Administrator was directed to consult with the City Clerk and Corporation Counsel and report back to the Mayor and Council on January 7 with the exact wording and any legal implications of the petitioned Charter amendment for the March 25 general election.

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