

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
February 4, 1980


Councilmembers present:

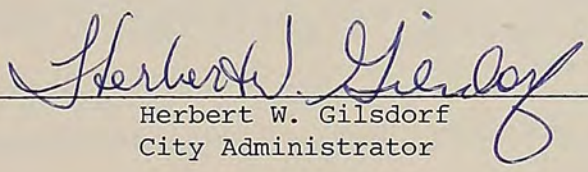
- Mayor Roth
- Councilman Faulkner
- Councilman Forshee
- Councilman Garcia
- Councilman Ricks
- Councilman Webb
- Councilman Weisman
- City Administrator Gilsdorf

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roth at 8:00 PM.

1. Closing of Travis Drive. This matter was referred to the February 11 Council agenda.
2. Subdivision of Lot at 7701 Takoma Avenue. The City Administrator was directed to survey the neighborhood for citizen opinions on this request.
3. Rezoning Application of R-60 to RT-8; Property located on Ritchie Avenue near intersection with Sligo Avenue. The City Administrator was directed to correspond with Park and Planning Development Review Division expressing no opposition from the Mayor and Council to the proposed rezoning, so long as no subsidized housing was placed on the site.
4. Renewal of License for Group Home Located at 7303 Piney Branch Road. The City Administrator was directed to contact Mr. Lou D'Ovidio and Mrs. Mary Anne Leary and ask for their reaction to the license renewal of the group home.
5. MILES Computer System. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to prepare a letter to the Governor for his signature, in support of State funding for MILES.
6. Highway User Revenue. The City Administrator was directed to prepare letters for the Mayor's signature, to the State House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee in support of HB-201 and SB-177.

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

APPROVED _____

 John D. Roth
 Mayor

ATTEST _____

 Herbert W. Gilsdorf
 City Administrator

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Meeting of the Mayor and City Council
February 11, 1980

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Roth
- ROLL CALL: Councilman Faulkner
Councilman Forshee
Councilman Garcia
Councilman Ricks
Councilwoman Saloma
Councilman Webb
Councilman Weisman

PLEDGE

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

CITIZENS' REMARKS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: City Administrator Gilsdorf

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

1. Communications
2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action
 - (1) Administrative reports:
 - Announcement: City Caucus to nominate candidates for March 25 election: February 26, 1980, 8:00 PM
 - Announcement: Last day to register to vote in City Election: March 10, 1980
 - Report on traffic counts made at the intersection of Boston and Takoma Avenues
 - Report on projected date of opening of Fenton Street parking garage (Montgomery College)
 - (2) Proposed ordinance creating a 3-way stop at the intersection of Albany/Fenton and Takoma Avenue, with free right-turn movement from Fenton Street into Takoma (Second Reading)
 - (3) Proposed ordinance creating a 4-way stop at Takoma and Boston Avenues (Second Reading)
 - (4) First reading of a proposed ordinance barricading Travis Drive at its intersection with Grant Avenue

SPECIAL REPORTS
NEW BUSINESS
ADJOURNMENT

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 1980

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	Recreation Supervisor Pendry
Councilman Weisman	Asst. Corporation Counsel Culpepper

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on February 11 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 January 28, 1980. Mayor Roth asked that an addition be included to item 5, page 2, stating: that the meeting of Robert Moore with the Chief of Police cannot be verified with the Police Chief. With this addition included, the minutes were approved.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Regarding the Council's discussions and motion that was approved at the last Council meeting pertaining to the inequity of the 18% increase in property tax assessments for the lower portion of Montgomery County which includes the City, as compared to the 6% increase for the remainder of the County; noted that letters were sent to all State representatives for the City concerning this and that a reply has been received from Senator Victor Crawford stating that he also agreed that the increase was unfair, but that it would be impossible to freeze assessments until a bill was passed at the State legislature level, which probably would be difficult; that he would lend all the support possible. Mayor Roth stated that follow-up letters would be sent to the remaining representatives if responses are not received.

Mayor Roth noted with pleasure that Mr. Lee Jordan, who is known throughout the City, had been presented with a resolution from the County Executive and Council honoring his unselfish and dedicated community service; stated that "Mr. Lee" is a wonderful person and he was very pleased to see him receive this recognition. Made a motion that a copy of the County's resolution be included with the minutes; this was duly seconded by Councilman Ricks and approved unanimously by the Council. A copy of this resolution is attached.

Noted that he was told by Chief Porter of two apprehensions: the apprehension of a person while committing a strong armed robbery on Lee Avenue, and stopping a motorcycle theft while in progress on Maple Avenue.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion of proposed additional alcoholic treatment homes (Mayor Roth)
- Discussion of Annual Code Enforcement Department report (Mayor Roth)
- Discussion of rent stabilization (Councilman Ricks)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Ed Longen, Hodges Heights Citizens Association: thanked the City

Administrator for his efforts in having the School Board property on Travis Drive cleaned up; that the property looks great now. Stated that his Association would be co-sponsoring a Meet the Candidates night, to be held on March 12, Takoma Park Junior High Auditorium; that a specific time had not been established, but flyers would be going out to all citizens when a time is set; the co-sponsoring citizens associations are: Spring Park, S.S. Carrolls, and Old Takoma.

2. Donald Ramsey, 8116 Roanoke Avenue: Complained of litter and debris on Flower Avenue, an entrance into the City; that it should be cleaned up and the street sweeper used. The City Administrator stated that it is difficult for a street sweeper to operate at this time of year because of freezing weather and that this would be a State responsibility since Flower Avenue is a State highway, but that he would look into having something done about it.

3. Roland Halstead, 7116 Maple Avenue: asked why a response has not been made to requests from Mr. Ron Wylie concerning the upcoming question to be placed on the ballot. Mayor Roth stated that he felt that this was covered in the articles to appear in the February and March Newsletters.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The City Administrator gave a brief report on the financial status of the City for the month of January.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. The City Administrator stated that he has been notified by the property owner of 7701 Takoma Avenue that the proposed preliminary subdivision plan for that property has been withdrawn.

2. Prince George's County Board of Appeals. Notification of an appeal for the continued use of a multi-family dwelling at 7206 Flower Avenue, which is not a permitted use in the R-35 Zone. Councilman Faulkner recommended that a neighborhood survey be conducted on this matter; at Councilman Faulkner's request it was the consensus of the Council to permit Mr. Albaugh to speak to this matter. Mr. Albaugh stated that the Longbranch-Sligo Citizens Association is opposed to the continued use and that the neighbors are organizing against it; that it is hoped that all the multi-family properties along this portion of Flower Avenue will be reconverted back to single-family use.

3. Mary Pennifield, 7305 Takoma Avenue. Comments concerning the abuses of the parking permit system, especially the abuse of the visitor permits; urged that a parking garage be constructed for the Metro station so commuters would not clog the streets. The Council was in agreement that many people do abuse the system and directed the City Administrator to look into the complaints and determine the steps that need to be taken to clear up the problems.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Announcement: City Caucus to nominate candidates for March 25 election: February 26, 1980, 8:00 PM, Municipal Building, Council Chamber.

2. Announcement: Last day to register to vote in City Election:
March 10, 1980.

3. Report on traffic counts made at the intersection of Boston and Takoma Aves.

The City Administrator stated that counts were taken during morning and evening rush hours-6 to 9 AM, and 4 to 7 PM, with the following statistics reported: Takoma Avenue morning-120 vehicles, evening-167 vehicles; Boston Avenue morning-69, evening-76. Councilman Weisman stated that traffic is also heavy when the SSI gym is in use and felt that the counts should have been conducted over a period of a few days instead of just one day.

4. Report on projected date of opening of Fenton Street parking garage for Montgomery College: The City Administrator reported that information he obtained from the College on February 6 was to the effect that the garage would open on April 1, 1980. Councilman Weisman stated that in a conversation with Dr. Parella of Montgomery College, he was told that there is still no definite opening date for the garage; Councilman Weisman felt that it would take much longer than the stated April 1 date. Mayor Roth suggested sending a congratulatory letter to the College on the April 1 opening of the garage, which is date given by College staff.

5. Ordinance creating a 3-way stop at the intersection of Albany/Fenton and Takoma Avenue, with free right-turn movement from Fenton Street into Takoma. Upon motion by Councilman Wwisman, duly seconded by Councilman Faulkner, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, Weisman. NAY: None. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator and Chief of Police to report back to the Council on improvements necessary for the corner where there will be a free right turn movement, noting that the radius will have to be changed.

ORDINANCE #2523

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

- SECTION 1. THAT all traffic on Takoma Avenue shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Albany Avenue and Fenton Street, thereby creating a 3-way stop, Ordinance 1056 (adopted May 28, 1951) having ordered a stop on Albany Avenue at its intersection with Takoma Avenue; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works shall erect the appropriate signs for implementation of the directive in Section 1; 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 prescribed in Sec. 1-17, Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972 as amended.

6. Ordinance creating a 4-way stop at Takoma and Boston Avenues. Upon motion by Councilman Weisman, duly seconded by Councilman Ricks, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Webb, Weisman. NAY: Councilman Forshee. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE #2524

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

- SECTION 1. THAT all traffic travelling on Takoma Avenue shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Boston Avenue, thereby creating a 4-way stop; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby directed to proceed with the erection of appropriate signs to implement the directive of section 1; 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 prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, as amended.

7. First Reading of a proposed ordinance barricading Travis Drive at its intersection with Grant Avenue. The City Administrator reported that this proposal was initiated by the principal of the Junior High; noted that at one time Travis Drive did give access to two houses, which have now been torn down, and it is now being used by some people to dump trash and debris; that Travis Drive ends near the tennis courts, but the main access for the courts is the Junior High School drive and parking lot. The following ordinance was accepted for First Reading.

FIRST READING OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, upon the destruction of the last remaining house on Travis Drive some years ago, the street ceased to serve any useful purpose; AND

WHEREAS, it has become a convenient area for dumping trash, thereby creating maintenance problems for the Montgomery County Board of Education--the owner of all property accessed by the road; AND

WHEREAS, the Principal of Takoma Park Junior High School and the Director of Public Works have requested that the entrance to Travis Drive be barricaded.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.

SECTION 1. THAT a barricade be erected at the entrance to Travis Drive near its intersection with Grant Avenue so as to prevent all vehicles from entering; AND

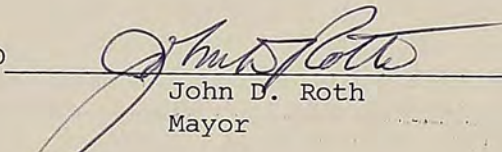
SECTION 2. THAT the penalty for removal of authorized barricade shall be as prescribed in Sec. 13-73, Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

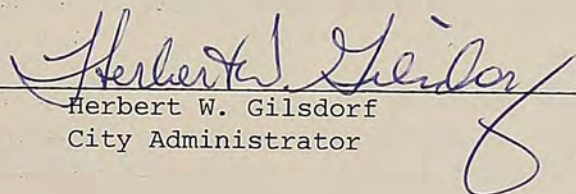
8. Mayor Roth stated that there is a proposal in Montgomery County's Capital Improvements Program that calls for two additional alcoholic treatment halfway houses on Maplewood Avenue. Councilman Weisman made a motion, duly seconded, that the Council send a telegram, with more detailed letter to follow, strongly objecting to the addition of two halfway houses, noting the large number already operating in the City; that he resents the County using the City as a dumping ground and the halfway houses should be placed in other portions of the County where the percentage is not so high. There followed a lengthy discussion on the phrasing of the communications. Councilman Faulkner moved to amend Councilman Weisman's motion to leave out the expression "dumping ground"; this was seconded by Councilman Garcia, and approved by the majority of the Council, with Councilmembers Ricks and Weisman voting in opposition. Councilwoman Saloma noted that with the addition of two more houses, the facilities would almost become an extension of the institution (hospital), which is not in accord with the halfway house concept of introducing patients back into the mainstream of residential living. When the amended motion was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously by the Council.

9. The Mayor and Council discussed the annual Code Enforcement Report at some length, with the City Administrator responding to questions about the program, including inspection cycles, the length of time for correction of violations, outstanding second notices, etc. Mayor Roth suggested that a worksession be devoted to a discussion of these matters in detail with a view to resolving any problems which may have arisen.

10. Councilman Ricks noted that the Council has been trying to deal with rising assessments and property taxes, but that tenants are now in need of assistance in coping with the large rent increases being received; that several years ago, the Council had passed a resolution asking for voluntary compliance with County rent control laws; that now Montgomery County has approved an emergency bill of voluntary rent stabilization--no rent increases of more than 10% for controlled units (those leased or rented prior to July 1, 1976) unless justification can be made and accepted by County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs. Councilman Ricks moved that the City enter into an agreement with OLTA to enforce Chapter 29, Article 6, Rent Control, within the City, requiring owners of controlled units to comply with the voluntary rent stabilization program. Councilwoman Saloma seconded the motion. It was noted by some Councilmembers that the Council's resolution for voluntary rent control within the City had had some effect on rents; that in essence the resolution represented a form of rent control in the City; also that more information would be needed before an ordinance, such as Councilman Ricks' described, could be passed. Councilman Forshee made a motion to table the subject; this was **duly** seconded by Councilman Webb and approved by the majority of the Council, with Councilmembers Ricks, Saloma, and Weisman voting in the negative. Councilman Faulkner moved that this item be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Weisman, and approved by the majority of the Council with Councilman Forshee voting against it.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM, to reconvene on Monday, February 25, 1980, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED 
John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST 
Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

Resolution Number: 9-524

Introduced: December 18, 1979

Adopted: December 18, 1979

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Unselfish and Dedicated Community Service by Lee Jordan

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan was one of the founders of the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Clubs and has been actively involved with the clubs since that time; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan is one of the outstanding athletic advisors in the Takoma Park area; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan coached a number of winning teams in football, baseball, and basketball and often used his own money to keep his teams going; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan organized the first coed youth teams in the area and rejoiced when any of his girls hit a home run; and

WHEREAS, some of Lee Jordan's former players have been signed to major league contracts; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan served for many years as a building manager of Takoma Park Junior High School, where he worked with counselors and teachers and exerted his influence to "set the youngsters straight"; and

WHEREAS, many of Lee Jordan's former players are now businessmen, athletes, teachers, and policemen in the community; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan's strong sense of responsibility led him to form a boy's club, coach teams, teach Sunday school, head his church in the absence of a pastor, start a church league in basketball, operate a teen club, serve on the Takoma Park Recreation Council and Beautification Council; and

WHEREAS, Lee Jordan has been repeatedly honored by various organizations for outstanding civic and social service in leadership and devotion to the community through his roles at Takoma Park Boys Club and Park Memorial Baptist Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive and County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland that the Council joins with the citizens of Montgomery County in expressing deep appreciation to Lee Jordan for his many years of unselfish and dedicated service to this community and for his inspiring example that he has set for young and old. The Council thanks him for his non-stop sharing of himself and in particular for his work with young people and commends him for community service of the highest order.

A true copy.

Attest.

Anna P. Spates
Anna P. Spates, Secretary of
the County Council for
Montgomery County, Maryland



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
February 18, 1980

Councilmembers present:

- Mayor Roth
- Councilman Faulkner
- 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.

SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

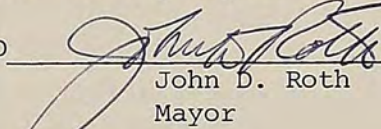
Mayor Roth advised the Council that on Tuesday evening, February 19, a meeting would be held at Takoma Elementary (D.C.), in which D. C. Department of Transportation will be discussing Metro parking.

The Mayor also stated that at 9:00 AM, February 22, Montgomery County Council Chamber, there will be a joint discussion by the City and County Council concerning group homes within the City.

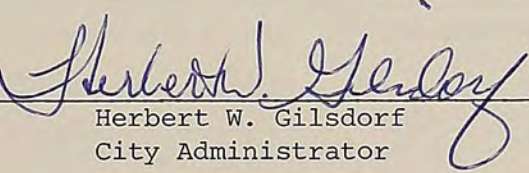
REGULAR MEETING

1. 7667 Maple Avenue. Councilmembers were advised of the 30% rent increase notices sent to many residents of the above address. Mayor Roth told Councilmembers that he, Councilmembers Ricks and Faulkner, and the City Administrator had met with the resident manager on Saturday, February 16, to protest the increases and to arrange a meeting with the building owners. Since no response from the owners has been received, the City Administrator was directed to do the following: 1) check with the Corporation Counsel as to the legality of a 90-day City-wide moratorium on rent increases; 2) send a mailgram to the owners vigorously protesting the rent increases and requesting a meeting as soon as possible; and 3) to notify the Apartment and Office Building Association and the Apartment House Council of the violation of cooperative spirit between the City and apartment owners and to encourage support for a compromise.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 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
February 25, 1980AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Roth

ROLL CALL: Councilman Faulkner
Councilman Forshee
Councilman Garcia
Councilman Ricks
Councilwoman Saloma
Councilman Webb
Councilman Weisman

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ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

1. Communications
2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action:

(1) Administrative reports:

Announcements:

- City Caucus to nominate candidates for March 25 election:
February 26, 1980, 8:00 PM, Municipal Building
- City Election, March 25, 1980, Mun. Bldg., 7 AM - 8 PM
- Last day to register to vote in election: March 10, 1980
- Meet the Candidates Night, 8:00 PM, March 12, Junior High School Auditorium (sponsored by the following citizens' associations:
Hodges Heights, Spring Park, S.S. Carrolls, Old Takoma, Carole Highlands, Long Branch-Sligo, Cockerille Avenue)

(2) Second reading of a proposed ordinance barricading Travis Drive at its intersection with Grant Avenue

(3) Proposed ordinance awarding bid and appropriating Revenue Sharing funds for Public Works vehicle lift

SPECIAL REPORTS

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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

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February 25, 1980

City Officials Present:

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| 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 Weisman | Recreation Director Ziegler |
| EXCUSED: Councilman Webb | Asst. Corporation Counsel Culpepper |

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on February 25 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 February 11, 1980; the motion was approved unanimously by the Council.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Roth reminded City residents that live in Montgomery County of the increase in property tax bills; that they would be facing an 18% boost as compared to the rest of the County, which will only increase 6%; noted that residents of the Prince George's section of the City would have it a little better because of the 5% decrease in tax bills; urged Montgomery County residents to pursue appeals of their tax bills.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of the proposed sale of the Carroll House (Councilman Weisman)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Ed Longen, Hodges Heights Citizens Association: regarding the barricade for Travis Drive, requested that the Association be allowed to have input as to the type of barricade. Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator and Councilman Weisman to discuss this with Mr. Longen.
2. Rudy Karsch, 7426 Buffalo Avenue: stated that Montgomery College is planning to place the Carroll House on the market while retaining the rear portion of the lot, which includes the garage and driveway; noted that this may be in violation of the zoning ordinance.
3. Lou D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road: read a letter from Historic Takoma to the President of Montgomery College regarding the extra footage being retained which the College has stated is necessary to meet zoning requirements for the Fine Arts Building. Said the Organization would support a zoning variance if the entire lot of the Carroll House were sold.
4. Sue Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue: stated her reservations and concern about retention of part of the Carroll House land by the College.
5. Fred Millhouser, 7704 Takoma Avenue: stated that he is a new resident, living next door to the Carroll House; noted his disappointment with the College's decision and hoped that the Council would take action to see that the entire lot is sold with the Carroll House.
6. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue: stated that apparently the square footage of the lot on which the Fine Arts Building was constructed was less

than the legal zoning requirement, so the College wants to retain the rear portion of the Carroll House lot to correct this. Stated that neighboring property owners would be glad to support the College if it would apply for a variance. Said the asking price established by the College is \$65,000 and the College has stated that the property and house must be returned to its original condition as much as possible; concerned that the price and restrictions placed on the sale may discourage many prospective buyers; suggested that the City look into purchasing the property for rehabilitation and resale; urged the Council to use the most effective means in trying to have the entire lot of the Carroll House placed on the market.

7. Charlene Cohen, 7815 Takoma Avenue: stated that area residents were happy when told the Carroll House would be sold; thanked the Council for the stop signs at Boston and Takoma Avenues, stating that they are effectively slowing traffic.

8. Kurt Stern, 103 Grant Avenue: suggested the City purchase the Carroll House under the Operation Turnaround Program; Councilman Faulkner stated that the regulations for Operation Turnaround permit only the purchase of multi-family houses to reconvert back to single-family use; Mayor Roth noted that the City was the determining factor in keeping the Carroll House from being demolished some time ago and also in having it placed on the market for sale.

9. Rino Aldreggetti, 7213 Central Avenue: stated that this issue of the Carroll House has been ongoing since 1975 and has yet to be resolved.

10. Sammie Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: said that the College has a long history of abuses in the City and felt they should be stopped here; asked if the College had taken the proper legal steps to add the rear portion of the Carroll House lot to the Fine Arts Building lot and, if not, the City should take some action; noted that two City residents had applied for vacant seats on the Board of Trustees but did not receive a response; felt that there should be a City resident on the Board; reiterated earlier suggestions about the purchase of the Carroll House by the Operation Turnaround Board.

11. Lou D'Ovidio: asked for a response from Mayor and Council regarding a letter from Historic Takoma about the anticipated date of the report on the Laurel-Carroll Business District and when a committee would be set up. Mayor Roth stated that the report is expected in a few weeks and a committee would be set up after it is received and studied.

12. Ronald Albaugh, 7202 Central Avenue: stated his support for the City's purchase of the Carroll House; thanked the Council for their letter of opposition regarding the appeal for continued multi-family use of 7206 Flower Avenue; noted that according to his figures, over the past two years the Council has devoted 25% of the agendas to traffic matters; that traffic management problems are building and felt that there should be a traffic plan for the entire City. Mayor Roth noted that a committee had been established on traffic matters for the Master Plan, but that they did not completely address the problem.

13. Donald Ramsey, 8116 Roanoke Avenue: requested that the Council do something to have the crushed rock backfill removed from the new sidewalk area on Flower Avenue that the State has installed.

14. Robert Moore, 7314 Willow Avenue: stated his support of Mr. Albaugh's statements concerning traffic. In response to Mr. Moore's questions regarding the Caucus, Mayor Roth stated that there are no new procedures for nominating

and seconding, but that there would be more stringent procedures for the election, which have been well publicized.

15. Joseph Lerner: requested that the City ask the County to remove the cement pad (for Ride-on bus shelter) located in the front yard of the Carroll House; also requested that the County not install any new shelters until new traffic patterns are established when the new College parking garage is in operation.

16. Clarence Boatman, 133 Ritchie Avenue: asked if accomodations were being made for overflow crowds at the Caucus; the City Administrator stated that extra chairs would be made available in the Council Chamber, and if necessary, the second floor could be used.

17. Sammie Abbott: regarding Mayor's comments on rising assessments and tax bills, questioned why there had not been a formal resolution made; Mayor Roth stated that a resolution of the Council was passed January 28, 1980 protesting the increases. Mr. Abbott requested a date when a motion may have been passed, if ever, concerning opposition to increased parking at the Takoma Metro; also questioned the Council's 4-3 vote in opposition of a motion to join Montgomery County's rent control program; reiterated comment from previous Council meeting about Mayor's absence from COG meetings. Mayor Roth stated that he believed the City was the determining voice in having only 100 parking spaces at the Takoma Metro, when many more were being discussed; that the Council did take action on problems of rising rents in the City; that he, along with Councilman Faulkner, Councilman Ricks and the City Administrator had met with the owners of the building whose tenants seemed to be hit the hardest, and tenants are now in process of getting action; also noted that he has attended many COG meetings, and stated his reasons for not attending all.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. Montgomery County Board of Appeals. Notification of a variance request to construct a covered entrance to the basement of 6800 Allegheny Avenue; the variance is for five feet less than the minimum required side yard setback of seven feet. The Mayor and Council directed the City Administrator to conduct a neighborhood survey for opinions on this variance.

2. Montgomery County Park & Planning Commission. Positive response to letter from Council concerning placing warning signs on Sligo Creek Parkway showing motorists that bikers and joggers use the Parkway for recreation; that signs are already ordered and will be installed between Piney Branch Road and the Prince George's County line.

3. Mayor Roth gave the following information concerning Police Department activities: the arrest of three suspects for breaking and entering in North Takoma; arrest of three suspects for receiving stolen goods; the arrest of a suspect while committing an armed robbery at Laurel and Carroll Avenues; the establishment of coordination between area jurisdictions for extra surveillance along walking routes of Metro users, especially in D.C.

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High School Auditorium (sponsored by the following

citizens associations: Hodges Heights, Spring Park, S. S. Carrolls, Old Takoma, Carole Highlands, Longbranch-Sligo, Cockerille Avenue).

2. Ordinance barricading Travis Drive at its intersection with Grant Avenue. The City Administrator stated that he would meet with the Hodges Heights Citizens Association to decide on the type of the barrier. Upon motion by Councilman Forshee, duly seconded by Councilman Garcia, the following ordinance was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilman Webb.

(NOTE: The number 2525 was inadvertently omitted from the Ordinance Series S. Park.)

ORDINANCE #2526

WHEREAS, upon the destruction of the last remaining house on Travis Drive some years ago, the street ceased to serve any useful purpose; AND

WHEREAS, it has become a convenient area for dumping trash, thereby creating maintenance problems for the Montgomery County Board of Education -- the owner of all property accessed by the road; AND

WHEREAS, the Principal of Takoma Park Junior High School and the Director of Public Works have requested that the entrance to Travis Drive be barricaded.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.

SECTION 1. THAT a barricade be erected at the entrance to Travis Drive near its intersection with Grant Avenue so as to prevent all vehicles from entering;

SECTION 2. THAT the penalty for removal of authorized barricade shall be as prescribed in Sec. 13-73, Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended.

3. Ordinance awarding bid and appropriating Revenue Sharing Funds for Public Works vehicle lift. The City Administrator reported that the vehicle lift is in the planned use report for Revenue Sharing Funds for \$2,500; that the bid accepted was for \$2,385, and the additional \$115 is being requested for materials for installation. Upon motion by Councilman Weisman, duly seconded, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilman Webb.

ORDINANCE #2527

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

SECTION 1. THAT the FY-80-Revenue Sharing Planned use schedule set aside \$2500 for the purchase of a Vehicle Floor Lift for use in the Public Works garage; AND

- SECTION 2. THAT bids were solicited from qualified dealers and advertised twice in two newspapers of local circulation, with one bid having been received from J. P. Scott & Son, Inc., Washington, D. C., for a Dover Rotary DRT-10 Mark II Lift at \$2,385; AND
- SECTION 3. THAT the bid received meets all specification requirements and is hereby accepted; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT funds in the amount of TWO THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE (\$2,385) be appropriated from the Revenue Sharing Fund account; AND
- SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$115) be appropriated from the Revenue Sharing account and transferred to the appropriate Public Works Account, with said funds to be used for the purchase of installation materials for the floor lift.

4. Councilman Weisman stated that he had felt good about the Carroll House being placed on the market until he learned that the College would retain the rear portion of the back yard, including the garage and driveway; presented Council with sketches of what the property would look like with the rear yard, pictures of the present condition of the property, and architectural sketch of what the house could look like if renovated; noted that the College has done very little to maintain the house, in fact pressure was needed to have the College reinforce the porch roof when it was collapsing. Regarding speculation that another house may be built on the portion of land retained by the College, Councilman Weisman stated that according to County zoning requirements, the required set back would only allow for a house that is 20 feet deep, and is highly unlikely; noted that he is not sure how the Fine Arts Building was constructed without the proper amount of footage required by the County; that this is why the College wants to retain the rear portion of the Carroll House property--to meet required footage for zoning without having to apply for a variance; stated that the College's minimum bid requested for the Carroll House is \$65,000; not sure whether appraisals include the entire lot; stated his estimate for renovation as \$45,000. Made a motion that the City Council vigorously protest the College's plan to sell the property without the rear portion of the lot, and urge that the entire original lot be placed on the market; also that a citizens group be formed to work with the College in setting up specifications for the sale; that this be transmitted immediately by telegram, with a more detailed letter to follow; the motion was duly seconded by Councilwoman Saloma. There followed a lengthy discussion on various aspects of the motion, and when it was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously by the Council. Upon Council request, Mayor Roth directed the City Administrator to gather information regarding the possibility of whether the City could actually purchase the Carroll House. Councilman Weisman stated that he would be willing to help the purchaser in buying supplies for renovation of the house.

5. Mayor Roth reported on a meeting concerning the proposal for increased parking at the Takoma Metro Station; that representatives of D.C. DOT discussed the change in traffic patterns for 13th Street, and as a result of this change, Metro officials proposed a restriping of the parking lot to increase the spaces by 42 and to install meters. Stated that it was the unanimous reaction of the audience to oppose the proposal and the representative stated that he would carry the message of opposition back to DOT.

6. Regarding the high and numerous rent increases being received by

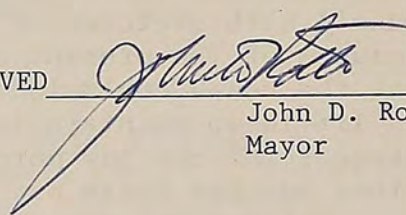
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tenants of one large building on Maple Avenue, Councilman Ricks and the Mayor stated that a meeting had taken place between the owners and some Councilmembers and arrangements are being made so that the owners comply with Montgomery County's rent stabilization bill; that the owners had stated that they would roll-back some of the rents, although no official notice has gone out to the tenants as yet.

There followed a lengthy discussion concerning the Franklin Apartments, during which it was noted that the Council has an invitation to tour the buildings. After the discussion, Councilman Faulkner made a motion that the City Administrator be sent to the buildings to determine the status of the renovation work; the motion was seconded by Councilman Weisman and approved by a majority of the Council, with Councilman Forshee voting in opposition.

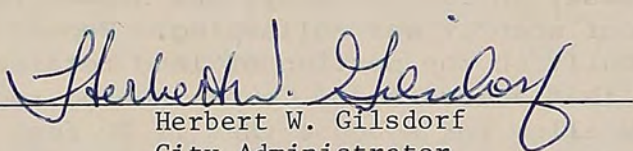
Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM, to reconvene on Monday, March 10, 1980, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED



John D. Roth
Mayor

ATTEST



Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

CITY CAUCUS
February 26, 1980

A City Caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Mayor and seven Councilmembers was held on February 26, 1980, in the Municipal Building, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM, with City Administrator Gilsdorf in the chair. Assistant City Administrator Shaffer gave a brief presentation covering the purpose of the meeting, an outline of the order of procedure and the requirements for nomination and seconding of candidates. The City Clerk was present to certify the eligibility of nominees, their nominators and seconders, and to record their names for placement on the ballot for the March 25, 1980 election. Upon failure of the Chair to receive a nomination for Secretary of the Caucus, he named Mr. Alfred P. Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, to serve in this capacity.

Nominations of candidates for elected offices were made as follows:

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR:

Roland W. Halstead, 7116 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md., nominated:

RONALD JERRY WYLIE, 7618 Glenside Court, Takoma Park, Md.*

The following seconds were made:

Sonia C. Jarl, 815 Davis Avenue
Ronald C. Albaugh, 7202 Central Avenue

Ian K. Burgess, 7405 Wildwood Drive, nominated:

JOSEPH A. FAULKNER, 1007 Sligo Creek Parkway

The following seconds were made:

Evelyne J. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue
Eugene Freeman, 6608 Cockerille Avenue
Catherine C. Wakelyn, 7218 Holly Avenue
Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue
Mary Ann Medina, 7425 Buffalo Avenue
Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue

William E. Brailey, 7113 Holly Avenue, nominated:

SAMMIE A. ABBOTT, 7308 Birch Avenue

The following seconds were made:

Josette Caldwell Foster, 7807 Lockney Avenue
Saul Schniderman, 7925 Sligo Creek Parkway
Brenda Joyce Freeman, 6608 Cockerille Avenue
Lowell R. Gayman, 7311 Willow Avenue
Robert E. Ginsberg, 7129 Maple Avenue
Leroy Brown, Jr., 7518 Dundalk Road
Elizabeth V. Bozarth, 7326 Willow Avenue
Karen Maury, 7422 Hancock Avenue

* All addresses are in Takoma Park

Harold Myers, 7212 Cedar Avenue
 Roderic F. Davis, 703 New York Avenue
 Lawrence M. Robinson, 7504 Holly Avenue
 Louis H. D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road
 Ruth G. Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue
 Robert H. Moore, 7314 Willow Avenue
 Allan T. Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue
 Faith E. Stern, 103 Grant Avenue
 Raymond M. McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Caucus voted to close the nominations for Mayor.

NOMINATIONS FOR TWO COUNCILPERSONS FROM FIRST AND SECOND WARDS:

Catherine C. Wakelyn, 7218 Holly Avenue, nominated:

JENNIFER L. SALOMA, 7124 Maple Avenue

The following seconds were made:

Montez H. Boatman, 133 Ritchie Avenue
 Evelyne J. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue
 Opal A. Daniels, 19 Sherman Avenue
 Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue
 William E. Brailey, 7113 Holly Avenue
 Anthony J. Ossi, Jr., 7215 Maple Avenue
 Lawrence M. Robinson, 7504 Holly Avenue
 Louis H. D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road

Eugene H. Herman, 511 New York Avenue, nominated:

DAVID B. WEISMAN, 7701 Takoma Avenue

The following seconds were made:

Alfred P. Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue
 Steven H. Bourke, 521 Albany Avenue
 William E. Brailey, 7113 Holly Avenue
 Louis H. D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road
 Lawrence M. Robinson, 7504 Holly Avenue

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Caucus voted to close the nominations for Councilpersons from the First and Second Wards.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILPERSONS FROM THE THIRD AND FOURTH WARDS:

Edward W. Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue, nominated:

JAMES F. HOLLAND, 19 Pine Avenue

The following seconds were made:

Evelyne J. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue
 John P. Pavlovsky, 33 Hickory Avenue
 Raymond M. McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue

Henry C. Daniels, 19 Sherman Avenue, nominated:

VERNON H. RICKS, JR., 5 Lee Avenue

The following seconds were made:

Clarence M. Boatman, 133 Ritchie Avenue

Opal A. Daniels, 19 Sherman Avenue

Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue

Upon motion, duly seconded, nominations for Councilpersons from the Third and Fourth Wards were closed by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILPERSON FROM THE FIFTH WARD:

Allan T. Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue, nominated:

DONALD D. RAMSEY, 8116 Roanoke Avenue

The following seconds were made:

Rino R. Aldrighetti, 7213 Central Avenue

Roderic F. Davis, 703 New York Avenue

Thomas J. Gagliardo, 8120 Roanoke Avenue

Ann B. Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue

Ronald C. Albaugh, 7202 Central Avenue

Roland W. Halstead, 7116 Maple Avenue

Louis H. D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road

Sidney W. Tymeson, 8118 Flower Avenue, nominated:

CLAYTON D. FORSHEE, 722 Kennebec Avenue

The following seconds were made:

Evelyne J. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue

Gibson E. McKenzie, 7401 Carroll Avenue

Kathryn T. Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue

Upon motion, duly seconded, the nominations for Councilperson from the Fifth Ward were closed by voice vote.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCILPERSONS FROM THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH WARDS:

Robert B. Appleton, 1009 Hopewell Avenue, nominated:

NORMAN E. PATRICK, III, 1001 Larch Avenue

The following seconds were made:

Edward W. Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue

Evelyne J. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue

Ralph F. Sidell, 606 Boston Avenue

John D. Roth, 7608 Hammond Avenue, nominated:

FRANK V. GARCIA, 1117 Holton Lane

The following seconds were made:

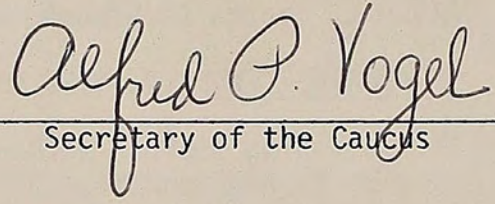
John H. Mitton, Jr., 501 Philadelphia Avenue

Ralph F. Sidell, 606 Boston Avenue

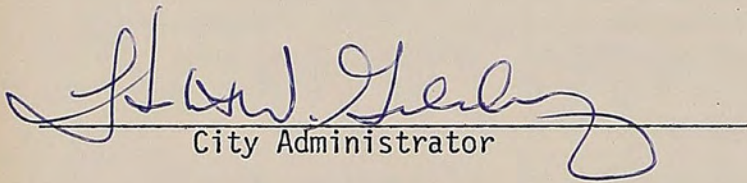
Ellery Denison, 7207 - 13th Place

A motion to close nominations for Councilpersons from the Sixth and Seventh Wards was seconded and passed by voice vote.

All nominations having been made and there being no further business to come before the meeting, the Caucus adjourned at 10:56 PM.


Secretary of the Caucus


City Clerk


City Administrator