

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council  
August 11, 1980

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Abbott

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Garcia  
Councilmember Holland  
Councilmember Patrick  
Councilmember Ramsey  
Councilmember Ricks  
Councilmember Saloma  
Councilmember Weisman

PLEDGE

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

CITIZENS' REMARKS

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

1. Communications
2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action
  - (1) Landlord-Tenant Commission Meeting: Wednesday, August 13, 7:00 PM, Municipal Building (City Administrator Gilsdorf)
  - (2) Public Meeting on Traffic Problems: Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 PM, Municipal Building, second floor (Councilmember Ricks)
  - (3) Report on Special Hearing by Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs for complaints relative to 7667 Maple Avenue. Hearing: Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber
  - (4) Appeal No. 5876: Variance request at 7502 Central Avenue to construct addition onto accessory building. Public Hearing: 6:00 PM, 8-27-80, CAB, Upper Marlboro

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The Council Meeting scheduled for August 27, 1980 has been cancelled.

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City Officials Present:

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Councilmember Garcia	Asst. City Administrator Shaffer
Councilmember Holland	City Clerk Pusti
Councilmember Patrick	Administrative Asst. Swinton
Councilmember Ricks	Acting Police Chief Carter
Councilmember Saloma	Public Works Director Robbins
Councilmember Weisman	Recreation Director Ziegler
EXCUSED: Councilmember Ramsey	Corporation Counsel Gingerich

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park met on August 11 at 8:09 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge of allegiance, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of July 28, 1980; the motion was approved by the Council unanimously. A correction to the minutes of July 14, 1980 was inadvertently omitted from the minutes of the last Council meeting: the decrease in the City's population (Montgomery County section) according to preliminary Census figures should have read "1,200" instead of "2,200." (page 1, next to last line).

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Announced the victory of Takoma Tower residents in having the Ride-on bus terminal relocated from Lebanon Street to the Hampshire-Langley Shopping Center; noted that if citizens of this age group can win victories, others should follow their example.

Stated that at the August 18 Council-worksession, the Cable TV Committee will give a presentation and the public is invited to attend.

Reported on the August 9 meeting of the Maryland Municipal League Legislative Action Committee (of which he is a member). The Legislative Action Committee is made up of 25 municipal officials from all over the State who are drafting legislation to be presented to the State legislature; the group is limiting the number of proposals to six issues, most of which have a bearing on revenues for municipalities: share of State lottery revenues for municipalities; increased State aid to municipalities; more participation for municipalities in Program Open Space; mandatory tax differential refunds for municipalities; public sector collective bargaining bill re: unions in Counties; reopening discussions on triennial assessment plan; raising penalties for delinquent municipal property taxes. Other items under consideration include clarification of annexation of enclaves election procedures; separate zip codes for municipalities and mandatory review of zoning changes within one mile of municipalities. Stated that the League will have a legislative conference October 24-26 to discuss issues further and make final decisions on the Maryland Municipal League-sponsored legislation; that the outlook fiscally for municipalities is not good in that revenues are being shut off at the County level and not filtering through to the smaller, local government and that next year, municipalities may be faced with the prospect of curtailing services or raising taxes, or both.

Announced that a representative of the County will be coming to the City on Monday, September 15, to present to the Council and citizens the broad aspects of the Carroll Avenue Revitalization Plan.

Councilmember Garcia referred to an article that appeared in the August 10 Washington Post which dealt with the City, saying that he felt the article was discourteous to the Seventh-Day Adventist residents of the City by speaking of their purported influence on actions of the City government, particularly in the area of the sale of liquor. Noted his good working relationship with former Councilmembers Forshee and Webb, and said that during his service on the Council he had never been approached by any church members attempting to influence Council decisions; that B.F. Gilbert founded Takoma Park "dry" as one means of attracting residents; that the City is very fortunate in having veto power in both counties in granting liquor licenses and that he believed the majority of the citizens favor the present arrangement. Mayor Abbott said that his experience with the church had been rewarding; that they have always been willing to try to reach a mutual understanding with the City on issues facing the government; said that he had been unaware of the liquor licensing procedure. Mayor Abbott indicated that the article was positive in many ways, e.g., in pointing out that the younger members of the church are becoming more involved in local community affairs.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of proposed resubdivision by Montgomery College of parts of blocks 69 and 70 (Councilmember Weisman)

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

1. Tom Gagliardo, 8120 Roanoke Avenue: thanked the Council for his appointment to the Landlord-Tenant Commission; read a letter from an acquaintance, a resident of the City, which related a conversation with a City employee in which she felt that improper advice had been given her on filing a complaint with the Landlord-Tenant Commission. Mr. Gagliardo agreed with her assessment and suggested that City staff not make any preliminary determination as to how the Commission may act, but give only the information requested. The City Administrator stated that no one in his office would make a statement of the type described; that the staff requests information from citizens only for the purpose of referring them to the proper office, i.e., Montgomery County--Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs, or in the case of the City Landlord-Tenant Commission, to the staff person assigned to the Commission. Mayor Abbott stated that he would look into the matter.

2. Ron Albaugh, 7202 Central Avenue, Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Asso.: stated that the executive committee of the Association had met and voted unanimously not to oppose the Variance Appeal #5876, 7502 Central Avenue, for construction of a second story to an existing garage with the condition that the structure never be used as living space; noted that there are many rumors concerning the variance, but that he has talked to the owners and they state that the structure will not be used for that purpose.

3. Lou D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road: Spoke of the good experiences

the residents of Piney Branch Road have had with Acting Chief of Police Carter; that when they recently requested increased patrols because of speeding and accidents, Chief Carter agreed and implemented the request; he also wrote a letter stating his agreement with the residents' complaints and that he would try to help in every way he could. Mr. D'Ovidio requested that Council contact the State Highway Administration and ask them to clear away the debris and weeds on the bridge sidewalk in the 7300-7400 block of Piney Branch Road; that the sidewalk is used by many pedestrians walking to Metro and, at this time, is almost impassable. Stated that the State Legislature is seeking recommendations/ideas for historic preservation projects for submission to the Capital Grant Fund for Historic Preservation; the recommendations are needed by October 1; Historic Takoma is planning to submit a package and Council and citizens may contact that group regarding projects they would like to see funded.

4. Lynne Bradley, 8112 Flower Avenue, Cable TV Committee: announced two meetings of the Committee: Monday, August 18, 7:30 PM, and Wednesday, August 27, 8:00 PM, both in the Municipal Building; stated that the Committee is preparing an outline of cable TV interests of the City to be submitted to the Council. Ms. Bradley stressed that the interest inventory is the first step of a lengthy process.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Landlord-Tenant Commission Meeting: Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 PM, Municipal Building. The City Administrator stated that this will be the organization meeting and it will be held in the Council Conference Room; that it will be the decision of Commissioners as to whether or not it will be open to the public.

2. Public Meeting on Traffic Problems; Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 PM, Municipal Building, second floor meeting room. Mayor Abbott stated that Mr. Doug Schneider will be the guest speaker at the Meeting, along with a representative of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation; both will be presenting a report on their trip to Europe, where they sought information on how traffic problems are dealt with there; that the remainder of the meeting will be used as a question-and-answer session for citizens to discuss pertinent traffic issues.

3. Report on Special Hearing by Montgomery County Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs (OLTA) for complaints relative to 7667 Maple Avenue. Hearing: Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber. Councilmember Ricks stated that a number of citizens have filed complaints with OLTA, many from 7667 Maple Avenue; that the case load is so large that OLTA staff has requested that the Commission hold a special hearing to deal with retaliatory evictions since they require immediate action; the Commission agreed to hold the hearing in the City; noted that he has requested that a representative of the Corporation Counsel's office be present at the hearing to observe what takes place. Mayor Abbott urged citizen attendance at the hearing since it is rare for a County agency to come into the City and felt there should be a large citizen turnout.

4. Appeal No. 5876: Variance request at 7502 Central Avenue to construct addition onto accessory building. Public Hearing: 6:00 PM, August 27, 1980, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, Md. The City Administrator

stated that the property owners applying for the variance wish to extend the height of their garage; reported the results of a City survey of the neighborhood (31 residents surveyed): 11 responses; 9 being opposed, 2 not opposed. Those residents who were opposed listed various reasons: owner's operating a business, use of garage as living quarters, garage is large enough, etc. The owners have stated that they wish to construct a second story for use as a recreation room. In answer to the Mayor's question, Corporation Counsel Gingerich stated that the Board of Appeals can attach conditions to a variance prior to granting it but that the conditions cannot be made permanent so as to preclude future Boards of Appeals from making different decisions. It was the consensus of the Council not to take any action on this variance until more information is obtained from the residents in opposition; it was also decided that Councilmember Garcia and Rev. Albaugh, who agreed to help, would contact those residents and report back to the Council on August 18.

5. Councilmember Weisman informed the Council of Montgomery College's preliminary subdivision application to subdivide portions of Blocks 69 and 70; stated that the College plans to combine all lots on block 70 (which they own) into one large lot; on block 69, the College will make 9 lots at Chicago and New York Avenues into one; the lots at the corner of Takoma and Philadelphia Avenues into one lot; that the purpose stated is for consolidation of various parcels of land with no improvements planned at this time. Councilmember Weisman made a motion that a letter be sent to Dr. Parilla, President of Montgomery College, with copies to the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Ware, requesting reasons for the subdivision and also whether improvements are planned for the subdivided areas; Councilmember Saloma seconded the motion. Councilmember Weisman stated that he would like to have this information prior to the Council taking a position on the plan. When the motion was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously.

6. Councilmember Saloma made a motion that the Council write to the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission requesting advice on whether the Carroll House property can be subdivided legally, since the house, and supposedly the land, is the only site in Takoma Park listed on the County's Atlas of Historic Sites; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Weisman and approved unanimously by the Council.

7. Councilmember Weisman moved that the Council write to the State Highway Administration concerning Mr. D'Ovidio's remarks about the condition of the bridge on Piney Branch Road; Councilmember Ricks seconded the motion, and it was approved by the Council.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM, to reconvene on Monday, September 8, 1980, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED

Sam A. Abbott  
Mayor

ATTEST

Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

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 Councilmember Saloma  
 Councilmember Weisman

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1. CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee report and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on FY-81 program (Chairpersons Roark and D'Ovidio)
2. Other comments by citizens

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  - (2) Proposal to opt in City's total population with Montgomery County for CDBG purposes (Community Development Director Shaffer)
  - (3) Announcement of public meeting on the revitalization of Carroll/Laurel shopping areas to be held 9-15-80, Council Chamber, 7:30 PM (Mayor Abbott)
  - (4) Special Public Hearing on Charter change of municipal election day from March to November to be held 9-29-80, Municipal Bldg., 8:00 PM (Mayor Abbott)
  - (5) First Reading of a proposed Charter amendment raising the maximum fine for violations punishable as misdemeanors from \$100 to \$500 (City Administrator Gilsdorf)
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| Councilmember Saloma  | Corporation Counsel Gingerich    |
| Councilmember Weisman |                                  |

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park met on September 8, 1980, at 8:00 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge, upon motion by Councilmember Ricks, duly seconded by Councilmember Garcia the minutes of August 11, 1980 were approved.

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Abbott spoke of diminution of revenues for municipalities, and the likelihood of increased property taxes in future years if means are not found to recoup some of the losses. He reiterated several comments made at the August 11 Council meeting concerning the efforts of the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Action Committee (of which he is a member) in preparing a legislative program to submit to the State legislature with the goal of obtaining more revenues by having funds sent directly to municipalities instead of being channeled via County and State. Included in the proposed legislation are bills for Highway User Revenue, State Aid for Police Protection, Program Open Space, Car registration and Mandatory Tax Differential; announced that there would be another meeting of the LAC on September 20, prior to finalizing the package at the MML's Legislative Conference in October.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- Abandonment of Wyatt Lane (Councilmember Holland)
- Discussion of Montgomery County's establishment of a Child Care Task Force (Councilmember Ramsey)
- Suit filed by City of Laurel against Prince George's County Executive Hogan (Mayor Abbott)
- Report on assaults in City (Councilmember Holland)

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee report and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on FY-81 program. Mr. Lou D'Ovidio, Co-Chairperson with Ms. Paula Roark, of the CDBG/CAC, presented the Mayor and Council with the

Committee's recommendation for the FY-81 CDBG program. Mr. D'Ovidio stated that the proposed program, which totals \$1,034,200, focuses on three major areas: 1) City-wide Projects, 2) Neighborhood Stragety Area--Westmoreland/Allegheny Neighborhood, and 3) Neighborhood Projects (public improvement projects submitted by individual citizen associations); noted that the City must present its Council-approved program to Montgomery Councy on September 24, two days following the City's Public Hearing on Monday, September 22, 8:00 PM; thanked Alan Shaffer, Director of Community Development, for his professional help, and also thanked all Committee members for the long hours put in for the planning of the program. Councilmembers thanked Mr. D'Ovidio, Ms. Roark, and the Committee members for their efforts in developing the program.

## II. Other Comments by Citizens.

1. Evelyne Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue: regarding the proposal to change the City's election date, stated her opposition and noted that citizens had elected the present Mayor and Council for a two year period and not 18 months.

2. Robert Leyshon, 7105 Cedar Avenue: cited many problems in Permit Parking area #2 in the blocks adjoining the Metro station, saying that many of the persons who park there are residents of the outer fringes of the area, and that other residents are abusing the permit system by selling or giving away their visitor permits, while others use them for a second car. Gave suggestions for improving system: making the areas smaller, color-coding permits and visitor permits for separate blocks, establishing resident-only-parking in the 7100 blocks of Cedar and Holly, and also the first blocks nearby Metro of Takoma and Baltimore Avenues; requiring visitors to park in spaces closest to the home they are visiting; installing parking meters on Takoma Avenue along the B & O right-of-way, and possibly around Montgomery College, to encourage the students to use the new parking garage. Upon the suggestion of Councilmembers Saloma and Weisman, Mayor Abbott appointed the following to a committee to look into correcting deficiencies in the parking permit ordinance: Councilmembers Saloma, Weisman, City Administrator Gilsdorf, Chief Carter, Mr. Leyshon. (Mr. Joseph Lerner was added later.)

3. Mary Ann McGuire, 7212 Willow Avenue, Chairwoman, Community Improvement Board: thanked the Mayor and Council for their confidence in appointing her as the new Chairwoman of the CIB; presented recommendations for the membership of the CIB to be appointed by the Mayor and Council. After discussion, Councilmember Ricks made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Weisman, that the persons below be appointed to the CIB. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mary Ann McGuire  
Chairwoman  
7212 Willow Avenue  
Takoma Park, Md. 20012

Henry Daniels  
Vice-Chairman  
19 Sherman Avenue  
Takoma Park, Md. 20012

Michael Hull  
Asst. to Mr. Daniels  
6714 Allegheny Avenue  
Takoma Park, Md. 20012

Zone 1 Frances Phipps, Chair. 82  
Art McMurdie, 81  
Leroy Brown, 81

7210 Holly Avenue  
12 Cleveland Avenue  
7518 Dundalk Road



Zone 2A	Michael Bray, Chair. 81 Marion Florin, 82 Elaine LaVaute, 81	7216 Holly Avenue 7407 Cedar Avenue 240 Park Avenue
Zone 2B	Edgar Dawson, Chair. 82 Dorothy Stark, 81	145 Ritchie Avenue 104 Geneva Avenue
Zone 3	Charles Potter, Chair. 82 Margaret Holmes, 81 Evelyn Putnam, 81	12 Montgomery Avenue 10 Pine Avenue 604 Elm Avenue
Zone 4	Whetten Reed, Chair. 82 Suzanne Rodenbaugh, 81 Allan Magan, 81	7338 Carroll Avenue 53 Walnut Avenue 514 Albany Avenue
Zone 5	Robert Calhoun, Chair. 82 Edward Williams, 82 Lawrence Smith, 81	7606 Glenside Drive 7719 Garland Avenue 7803 Glenside Drive
Zone 6	Eleanor Burgess, Chair. 82 Ann Grice, 82 Richard Osborne, 81	7405 Wildwood Drive 1109 Merwood Drive 803 Jackson Avenue
Zone 7A	James Jones, Chair. 81 Austin Brown, 81 Melda Henry, 81	808 Hayward Avenue 802 Elm Avenue 416 Boyd Avenue
Zone 7B	Pat Knight, Chair. 81 Eugene Freeman, 81 Harry St. Ours, 81	609 Elm Avenue 6608 Cockerille Avenue 7204 Flower Avenue

4. Pat Donnelly, 7002 Sycamore Avenue: reported to the Council that the property located at 7004 Sycamore Avenue is being used as a possible rooming house or illegal apartments; requested that the City investigate this situation. Councilmember Ramsey noted that there may be an illegal apartment in the basement. The City Administrator stated that under County zoning laws, it is legal to rent three rooms in a single-family house, but if additional rooms are being let or there is an illegal apartment, it can be turned over to the County for enforcement of the zoning laws.

5. Robert Leyshon: stated that he knew the former owner of 7004 Sycamore Avenue and that at that time, there was an illegal apartment in the house.

6. Mayo R. Bell, 7667 Maple Avenue, #605: reported to the Council on the Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs hearing concerning 7667 Maple Avenue evictions; stated that OLTA had rendered a decision that the eviction notices must be rescinded; but also noted that 11 eviction notices were issued this past week; that the tenant's committee is in the process of organizing the tenants that received the latest eviction notices, and having them file formal complaints with OLTA; thanked the Mayor and Councilmember Ricks for all their

help at the hearing. Councilmember Ricks commented on the professionalism of Ms. Bell's presentation. He said that he felt the \$21,000 budgeted for Montgomery County OLTA was money well spent. Mayor Abbott questioned the speaker as to her understanding of the import of the decision.

7. Morelyn Weisman, 7701 Takoma Avenue: stated that she had intended to speak for Joseph Lerner, President, North Takoma Citizens' Association, on problems arising from the parking permit system; requested that Mr. Lerner be included in the study committee. Mayor Abbott concurred.

8. Saul Schniederma, 7925 Sligo Creek Parkway: announced that the Takoma Park Folk Festival, held Sunday, September 7, was very successful, with approximately 9,000 people attending; that he would give a full report at the next Council meeting; thanked the following for their help in preparation for the festival: the City Administrator, Public Works Director and Harold Miller of the Department, Recreation Department, Library, Chief Carter and Officer Jones, the citizens who attended and participated, and especially the Mayor, who initiated the original Folk Festival.

9. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: stated that she is willing to volunteer the 7400 block of Maple Avenue for commuter parking, noting the increasing number of accidents involving parked cars; supported Mr. Leyshon's suggestions; stated that there is an illegal apartment in 7004 Sycamore Avenue and that she hopes it will be removed. Spoke of the robberies which have occurred in the City, and asked if citizens should not be alerted.

10. David Sawyer, 7422 Buffalo Avenue: congratulated the City on the new City Newsletter, stating that it facilitates more involvement of the community.

11. Ed Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue: stated that he is also impressed with the new Newsletter. Raised questions concerning the agenda item on the Charter amendment to change the City election date; stated that he understood the Council had already considered it and voted against any change. The Mayor said he would speak to that later in the meeting.

12. Elsa Larenas, 7706 Garland Avenue: that she had received a warning citation from the Public Works Department concerning the trash and debris in her yard; that she is in the process of renovating her house, and the debris are from the renovation; felt that it is unfair to receive a citation, when trying to fix-up the house. Requested that the City correct a problem of water freezing in the winter along Garland Avenue to the intersection of Carroll and Garland Avenues.

13. Thomas Gagliardo, 8120 Roanoke Avenue: noted that there are problems of freezing water in his area also.

14. Richard Prario, 20 Hickory Avenue: stated his concern about the increase in crime in his neighborhood, noting especially the problems at the corner of Pine and Columbia Avenues.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Report on Montgomery County's OLTA hearing on 7667 Maple Avenue.

Councilmember Ricks reported that OLTA had held two emergency hearings (one in the City) on August 20 and 26 concerning violations of the Montgomery County Code at 7667 Maple Avenue, i.e., large rent increases, numerous evictions and changes in business practices. Stated that he was requested to make an opening statement at the hearing--general overview of the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance, why it was enacted (due mainly to the many large increases being received by tenants of 7667 Maple Avenue), information concerning the problems occurring at the building (that tenants who refused to sign renewal leases, which included high increases in rents, were issued eviction notices; also tenants that filed complaints with OLTA were issued eviction notices). He said that 12 tenants of the building had filed complaints with OLTA; noted that the owners of the building had been summoned to testify at the hearings and that their explanation of their business practices was very poor; they had stated that they wished to remove all current tenants to make renovations and correct housing code violations; that the Commission had stated that it was not necessary to evict tenants to make these corrections. The Commission had rendered a decision on the case--ruling in favor of the tenants, and that the eviction notices would have to be recinded. Councilmember Ricks stated that on August 26, he was also served an eviction notice to vacate his apartment in that building; that OLTA feels it was strictly a retaliatory act and that he intends to file a formal complaint. Mayor Abbott noted that the owners are advertising vacant apartments in the paper--apartments where other tenants have been evicted; directed the City Administrator to monitor the situation and advise the Council.

2. Proposal to opt in City's total population with Montgomery County for CDBG purposes. Community Development Director Alan Shaffer reported that HUD has amended the Housing and Community Development Act to allow cities that straddle county lines to opt in entirely with one county or continue to participate with both counties; stated that Prince George's County has drastically reduced CDBG funding to the City (when contrasted with the remainder of the County, the City is relatively high on the economic scale), refuses to make any long-term commitment by designating a portion of the City as a Neighborhood Strategy Area; there are problems with street projects that cross County lines, where one County will approve funding, while the other will not; participating entirely with one County will also reduce the administrative burden of maintaining two reporting systems; stated that if the City does opt in with Montgomery County, the County cannot guarantee that Takoma Park will receive a certain amount of funds; that the allocation will be based on the amount of funds available and the worthiness of the City's request in comparison to other requests received by the County. In response to Councilmember Ramsey's question, Mr. Shaffer stated that the total grant to the County will be larger, because of increased population, if City opts in. Upon motion by Councilmember Garcia, duly seconded by Councilmember Patrick, the Council unanimously (Councilmember Saloma was temporarily absent) voted to opt the entire City's population in with Montgomery County for CDBG purposes.

3. Announcement of Public Meeting on the Revitalization of Carroll/Laurel Shopping Areas to be held September 15, 1980, Council Chamber, 7:30 PM.

Mayor Abbott stated that the revitalization plans are being prepared by Montgomery County Community Development Office; that the plans are still in the process of being rewritten, and changes can be made as yet; that the Senior planner will make a presentation at the time noted above; hoped that there would be many people in attendance.

4. Discussion of proposed Charter change of municipal election day.

Mayor Abbott announced that it was the position of all members of the Council that no Public Hearing be held on the proposed Charter change; the Council was of the unanimous opinion that the subject had been adequately dealt with at a previous meeting (July 14) when they voted 4-3 against changing the date. Mayor Abbott stated that he is still in favor of the change because the Council needs more time to become active in the budget process on election years; that if the election were changed from Spring to Fall, it would allow time to work with the State Legislature and County governments in trying to obtain more revenues; and that he is most uncomfortable with the present election date because it interferes with the critical business of obtaining additional revenues for Takoma Park. He stated that he is a political realist and thus would not introduce a motion for which there would be no second, but that did not preclude having the issue raised in other ways. Councilmember Ricks said the issue had been decided on July 14. Councilmember Ramsey stated that, though he favors the change, when the issue was last raised there seemed to be an equal number of citizens who testified for and against it; that until there is more evidence reflective of public support, he felt it was unnecessary to take it up again; and that at least on a parliamentary basis, the issue is closed for the time being. Ron Albaugh, 7202 Central Avenue, stated his desire for the Council to reconsider the issue. Maurice Berez, 7215 Central Avenue, stated his support for the change, suggesting that a reasonable way to handle it would be to place the question on the ballot at the next election; Councilmember Weisman stated he might well consider that suggestion. Councilmember Ramsey stated that another alternative would be a special election; however he would not like to see the issue become the object of another referendum petition drive since the efforts of citizens and Council could be better spent on more pressing items of business. Councilmember Garcia stated that he had voted for the change, but there has been no groundswell of support for the change in his ward; instead several residents have asked why he voted for it and expressed a preference for the present election date. Ron Wylie, 7816 Glenside Court, stated his support for the change, asking what would happen next in the light of alternatives raised. Mayor Abbott curtailed discussion at this point, saying that it had been the decision of the Council to cancel the public hearing on the subject, but that there is nothing prohibiting citizens from bringing the issue up in other ways, i.e., letters to the editor for the Newsletter, petition drives, etc.

5. First Reading of a proposed Charter amendment raising the maximum fine for violations punishable as misdemeanors from \$100 to \$500. City Administrator Gilsdorf stated that recent State legislation has permitted municipalities to increase the maximum misdemeanor fine from \$100 to \$500; that this would represent a more positive deterrent to violators of the City's numerous misdemeanor-type codes; recommended that Council approve it for First Reading. Upon motion,

duly seconded, the Council voted unanimously to accept the Charter amendment for First Reading. (First Reading of the Proposed Charter Amendment is Attachment A to the minutes.)

6. First Reading of a proposed ordinance to erect Stop Signs on Garland Avenue at its intersection with Jackson Avenue. Councilmember Garcia stated that he has received a petition signed by residents of the immediate area, requesting the Stop Signs and moved that the ordinance be accepted for first reading. Chief Carter stated that he has looked at the intersection and, although traffic engineers generally do not recommend installing Stop Signs as a traffic control device, the problems of this intersection may constitute an exception; he also recommended that the Council consider placing stop signs on Jackson Avenue at this intersection to freeze traffic completely and cause less confusion to drivers. The proposed ordinance (Attachment B) was accepted unanimously by the Council for First Reading, with the suggestion that citizens comment.

7. Councilmember Holland reported the receipt of a petition, signed by property owners abutting Wyatt Lane, requesting that Wyatt Lane be abandoned as a City street. He stated that the street, which is not paved, leads only to a vacant piece of property behind houses on Allegheny Avenue; that all abutting properties front either on Allegheny or Elm Avenues; the street is now being used as a "parking lot" and a place to repair cars; noted that the fences and walls of adjoining properties have been damaged because of this use; requested that the Public Works Director and Corporation Counsel look into this situation and recommend a solution.

8. Councilmember Ramsey announced that Montgomery County is organizing a Child Care Task Force and requesting applicants to serve from throughout the County; stated that he felt there are problems in the area of child care in the City and that there should be a representative from the City on the Task Force; that applications are being accepted by the County Council through October 10, 1980; that anyone interested in serving on the Task Force should express their interest to the Mayor or Councilmembers prior to the next Council meeting on September 22; that the recommendation of the Mayor and Council is needed for appointment. Mrs. Evelyne Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, expressed support for retention of the center at the Presbyterian Church.

9. Mayor Abbott stated that the City of Laurel is filing a class action suit against Prince George's County Executive Hogan for withholding municipalities tax differential payments; that the Mayor of Laurel has requested that all Prince George's County municipalities join in the suit; that the payment formula for each city has been arranged at the rate of 1¢ for each dollar the County has claimed it is owed; this would make the City's payment approximately \$200. Councilmember Holland made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Weisman, that the City join in the suit. When the motion was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously by the Council. Mayor Abbott directed the City Administrator to notify the Mayor of Laurel of the Council's decision.

10. Councilmember Holland raised questions about the assaults and burglaries taking place in his ward. Suggested use of mercury-vapor lights as a

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deterrent. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Abbott suggested, with the Council concurring, that a meeting be arranged with Chief Carter and the Crime Prevention Supervisor to discuss this matter and to begin formulating a policy to handle the problem. It was the consensus of the Council that the meeting be held in conjunction with the Worksession on September 29.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM, to reconvene on Monday, September 22, 1980, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sammie A. Abbott, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

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## RESOLUTION 1980-

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK  
BY INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IN SEC. 1.7(f) FROM \$100  
TO \$500.

WHEREAS, Article 23A, Sec. 3(a), of the Annotated Code of Maryland, by amend-  
ment effective July 1, 1978, gives the Mayor and Council the power  
to increase the maximum fine for offenses punishable as misdemeanors  
from \$100.00 to \$500.00; AND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to exercise the power  
granted to it so as to amend the City Charter to provide that  
violation of ordinances of the City punishable as a misdemeanor  
may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

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

SECTION 1. THAT Sec. 1.7(f) of the Charter of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972,  
as amended, be amended to read as follows:

(f) The said council shall have power by ordinance to  
provide for the punishment of any person, persons or  
corporations who shall violate any of the provisions of  
this section by a fine not to exceed [~~one-hundred-dollars~~  
~~(\$100.00)~~] FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) in any one case,  
or imprisonment in the county jail of the county in which  
said offense shall be committed for a period not exceeding  
ninety (90) days, or both.

AND

SECTION 2. THAT the provisions contained herein shall become effective upon  
the fiftieth day following adoption.

NOTE: [-----] denotes deletion.  
ALL CAPS denotes addition.

ATTACHMENT B

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## PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. THAT all traffic proceeding in both directions on Garland Avenue shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Jackson Avenue; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to erect "Stop" signs at the appropriate corners; AND

SECTION 3. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended; AND

SECTION 4. FURTHER THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing.



THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council  
and  
Public Hearing on CDBG Proposal for FY-82

SEP 22 1980  
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Abbott

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Garcia  
Councilmember Holland  
Councilmember Patrick  
Councilmember Ramsey  
Councilmember Ricks  
Councilmember Saloma  
Councilmember Weisman

PLEDGE

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1980

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

CITIZENS' REMARKS

- 1. Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant proposals for FY-82 developed by the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee
- 2. Other comments by citizens

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

- 1. Communications
- 2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action:
  - (1) Administrative reports
    - Report on neighborhood survey re Variance Appeal #5897, requesting side and rear yard variances for construction of a deck, 7104 Central Ave. (Public Hearing: 6:15 PM, 9-24-80, CAB, Upper Marlboro)
    - Report on proposed closing of Wyatt Lane
  - (2) Second reading of a proposed Charter amendment raising the maximum fine for violations punishable as misdemeanors from \$100 to \$500
  - (3) Second reading of proposed ordinance creating a 3-way stop at the intersection of Garland and Jackson Avenues (Councilman Garcia)
  - (4) Proposed ordinance restricting parking for two spaces in front of Mac's Market, 715 Erie Avenue (Councilman Ramsey)
  - (5) Council approval/action on the Community Development Block Grant Proposals, FY-72, for submission to County (Public Hearing: 8:00 PM, 9-24-80, 1st floor auditorium, COB, Rockville)

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

## THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council  
and  
Public Hearing on CDBG Proposal for FY-82  
September 22, 1980

## City Officials Present:

Mayor Abbott  
Councilmember Garcia  
Councilmember Holland  
Councilmember Patrick  
Councilmember Ramsey  
Councilmember Ricks  
Councilmember Saloma  
Councilmember Weisman

City Administrator Gilsdorf  
Asst. City Administrator Shaffer  
City Clerk Pusti  
Acting Police Chief Carter  
Public Works Director Robbins  
Recreation Director Ziegler  
Corporation Counsel Gingerich

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park met on September 22, 1980 at 8:00 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Upon motion by Councilmember Holland, duly seconded, the minutes of September 8, 1980 were approved by the Council.

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Abbott announced that the Public Hearing scheduled to be held on September 29 was cancelled by unanimous consensus of the Council; instead, there will be a regular worksession of the Council held at that time.

Stated that the committees being formed from the citizen volunteers through the Newsletter questionnaires have no official status with the City, but are strictly voluntary; the CDBG/CAC and the CIB are the only committees with official City status; that there are several volunteer committees in operation at this time: Cable TV, Traffic, and Redistricting with others still being formed; these committees represent talent and effort on the part of Takoma Park citizens and any questions concerning them should be addressed to the Mayor.

Announced that the MML Legislative Action Committee will hold its Legislative Conference at the end of October, with the main focus of the proposed legislation to be obtaining municipalities' fair share of revenues; stated that increasing the City's tax rate this year was a distasteful thing for the Mayor and Council, but there was no other choice with the reduced amount of revenue coming in; stated that he looked forward to citizen involvement in the upcoming budget process; also in citizens helping to obtain revenues from the Counties.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion concerning traffic signal at New Hampshire Avenue and Ray Road (Councilmember Patrick)

I. Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant proposals for FY-82 developed by the CDBG Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Holland, a member of Montgomery County's Community Development Citizens' Advisory Committee, gave the following report on funding for

CDBG programs: that it appears that Montgomery County will receive \$4,989,000 (based on last year's allocation) from HUD for the upcoming year, plus \$205,000 from County land disposition, for a total of \$5,194,000 in CDBG funds; of that total, \$4,317,000 is already committed, leaving only \$877,000 for new projects. The City has prepared a proposal totalling \$1,034,000, and, at this point, it does not appear likely that much of it will be funded. Noted that the County staff has submitted projects totalling \$2,877,000. Alan Shaffer, Director of Community Development for the City, stated that Montgomery County has not been told by HUD how much funding to expect; that there is a move now in Congress, headed by Senator Mathias, to increase the CDBG authorization and appropriation bill by approximately \$20,000,000; noted that the County's allocation will probably increase because of the City's opting-in 100% of its population, but that the increase cannot be directly given to the City although the City would likely get more in funding because of this.

1. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple Avenue: hoped that Sycamore Avenue would be a target area in next year's proposal; stated her support of funding for improvements to sidewalks, curbs and gutters, but not for street improvements, because of her aversion to traffic; regarding the Energy Retrofit Program, stated that care should be taken when applying insulation in the walls of older frame houses; that she hoped the housing rehabilitation program is being monitored so that the architectural structure of houses in the Historic Districts are not changed. Mrs Marsh also expressed a continuing interest in tile sidewalks in the 7100 block of Cedar Avenue and possibly other streets. Mrs. Ferry indicated that the original sidewalks had been made of wood.

2. Lou D'Ovidio, 7324 Piney Branch Road, Co-Chairperson, CDBG/CAC: said the City should have been in the CDBG program during the first two years; hoped there would be a large attendance at the hearing before the County Council early next year; requested that Councilmembers attend the hearing on September 24, 1980; regarding the County staff's recommended projects to be funded by CDBG, noted that the County's CAC will not necessarily have to approve all of the requested projects.

3. Rino Aldrighetti, 7213 Central Avenue: In response to Mr. Aldrighetti's question, Mr. Shaffer stated that the amount of CDBG funding is still determined by population, income level, and overcrowded housing. Mrs. Marsh commented that according to statistics in Montgomery County's Housing Report, the City's income level is much lower income than that of the remainder of the County. Mr. Aldrighetti suggested that the City should receive more funding on the basis of these statistics and the opting-in of 100% of the City's population.

4. Ron Wylie, 7618 Glenside Court: stated his appreciation for the CAC's hard work; requested that next year's proposals include lower priority projects that will not be submitted to the County, but were considered by the CAC. There was some discussion concerning funding for the Laurel/Carroll Commercial Area, why funding for FY-82 only concerns improving public facilities, and not the upgrading of the businesses and possibly hiring a consultant to obtain grants for commercial revitalization. Mr. Shaffer stated that those funds that have not been expended in prior years for that project can be used for these purposes. In answer to Mr. Wylie's question, the City Administrator

stated that the preparation of the City's capital improvements project would be contracted out, if funded.

OTHER REMARKS BY CITIZENS

1. Rudy Arrendondo, 7419 Maple Avenue: complimented the City on the new Newsletter format. Asked what is being done with the volunteer committee assignments, saying that he had expressed interest in the traffic committee and business revitalization. Mayor Abbott stated that the traffic committee meets every other Wednesday in the Municipal Building. Mr. Arredondo was encouraged to attend the meetings.
2. Louis Johnson, 7220 Garland Avenue: thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of the residents of the area, for considering the request to place stop signs on Garland and Jackson Avenues.
3. Saul Schniderman, 7925 Sligo Creek Parkway: stated that the final figures on the Takoma Park Folk Festival are still not complete, but that it grossed approximately \$5,800, and after bills have been paid, two groups, Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club and Neighbors, Inc. Youth Job Program, should each receive \$1,300. Said that the raffle tickets sold by the Boys and Girls Club grossed \$1,200.
4. Rino Aldrighetti: urged the Council approval of stop signs at Garland and Jackson Avenues, saying that similar signs placed on Central Avenue had helped slow the traffic.
5. Lynne Bradley, 8112 Flower Avenue, Chairman, Cable TV Committee: announced that the Committee is now working on a report concerning the legal issues of franchising; noted that Prince George's County will have a hearing on September 30, 8:00 PM, County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro; the County will have available at that time a draft request for proposals. Montgomery County has appointed its Cable TV Advisory Committee, but Takoma Park is not represented; suggested that her Committee be allowed to hold a public meeting the first Monday in December so that City citizens may come and make suggestions and ask questions of cable consultants and experts. Mayor Abbott noted that he had spoken with John Hansman, Montgomery County Cable Committee, and asked that the County Executive reconsider the appointments and select someone from the City to serve (Councilmember Ricks had been recommended); also noted that there is only one person on the Committee from the Maryland Municipal League to represent all municipalities in the County.
6. Tom Gagliardo, 8120 Roanoke Avenue: suggested that the fines for misdemeanors be stated in the City Code instead of the City Charter, saying it would be much easier to change them. Inquired about the cost to the City for joining Laurel in the suit against County Executive Hogan; the City Administrator said cost would be \$200.
7. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Avenue, President, Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association: stated that the Association's Executive Committee is concerned

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about the procedures the City uses in conducting neighborhood surveys for variances; that the Committee would like the City's definition of "neighborhood" which it defines as the entire area represented by the Association; asked what weight is given to an Association's opinion as compared to immediate neighbors. Said the Committee would offer no opinion on Appeal #5897. There was some discussion among Councilmembers on Mr. Vogel's questions with the general concensus being that there is no way to assign weight, but instead each variance should be viewed on its own merits. Mayor Abbott pointed out the difficulties of using a general definition for neighborhood. Councilmember Weisman noted his objections to the City being given less than 30-days notice on appeal cases by the Board of Appeals. Mr. Vogel stated his support of stop signs at Garland and Jackson Avenues; raised his concerns and requested the Council's help in trying to upgrade the area around the intersection of University Boulevard and Piney Branch Road (outside City), noting that it is deteriorating rapidly.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Report on Neighborhood survey re Variance Appeal #5897, requesting side and rear yard variances for construction of a deck, 7104 Central Avenue (Public Hearing: 6:15 PM, September 24, 1980, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, Md.). The City Administrator reported that of the five immediate neighbors surveyed by questionnaire, four responses were returned with no objections stated. Councilmember Garcia made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Patrick, that the Council offer no objection to the variance. There followed a lengthy discussion concerning the shortness of notice the City receives on variances, and also ways of remedying this. When the motion was put to a vote, it was approved by the majority of the Council, with Councilmember Weisman voting in the negative, due to the short notice given by the Board of Appeals.
2. Report on proposed closing of Wyatt Lane. The City Administrator reported that a Public Works survey reveals that one lot on Wyatt Lane would be landlocked if the Lane is closed; that it was the Corporation Counsel's and his own opinion that Wyatt Lane should not be abandoned; suggested that increased Police and Public Works enforcement should take care of complaints from area residents concerning use of Wyatt Lane for car repair and dumping trash. Councilmember Ramsey suggested the placement of "No Parking" signs along Wyatt Lane, which other Councilmembers agreed may be a viable solution.
3. Second Reading of a proposed Charter amendment raising the maximum fine for violations punishable as misdemeanors from \$100 to \$500. Upon motion by Councilmember Ricks, duly seconded by Councilmember Garcia, the Resolution/Ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

## RESOLUTION 1980-1

## ORDINANCE NO. 2536

## CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK BY INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IN SEC. 1.7(f) FROM \$100 TO \$500.

WHEREAS, Article 23A, Sec. 3(a), of the Annotated Code of Maryland, by amendment effective July 1, 1978, gives the Mayor and Council the power to increase the maximum fine for offenses punishable as misdemeanors from \$100.00 to \$500.00; AND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to exercise the power granted to it so as to amend the City Charter to provide that violation of ordinances of the City punishable as a misdemeanor may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

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

SECTION 1. THAT Sec. 1.7(f) of the Charter of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

(f) The said Council shall have power by ordinance to provide for the punishment of any person, persons or corporations who shall violate any of the provisions of this section by a fine not to exceed (~~one-hundred-dollars (\$100.00)~~) FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) in any one case, or imprisonment in the county jail of the county in which said offense shall be committed for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, or both.

AND

SECTION 2. THAT the provisions contained herein shall become effective upon the fiftieth day following adoption.

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4. Second Reading of proposed ordinance creating a 3-way stop at the intersection of Garland and Jackson Avenues. Councilmember Garcia stated that the original ordinance had been changed from a two-way stop on Garland Avenue,

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to a three-way stop on the recommendation of the Chief of Police. Upon motion by Councilmember Garcia, duly seconded by Councilmember Ricks, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks, Saloma, Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2537

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

SECTION 1. THAT all vehicular traffic approaching the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Garland Avenue shall come to a complete stop at said intersection, thereby creating a 3-way stop; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to erect "Stop" signs at the appropriate corners; AND

SECTION 3. THAT the penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be as prescribed in Sec. 1-17 of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended; AND

SECTION 4. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing.

5. Proposed ordinance restricting parking for two spaces in front of Mac's Market, 715 Erie Avenue. Councilmember Ramsey stated that he has received complaints from three merchants concerning area tenants parking their cars overnight and during business hours in spaces needed for customers; that two of the stores have private parking, while Mac's Market has only parking space available on the street; would like to institute two-hour parking from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in two spaces directly in front of his store. It was noted by Councilmember Ricks that enforcement of this type parking restriction is very hard; that after a complaint is received by the Police Department, an officer would have to come and mark the tires, noting the time, and return two hours later, in order to issue a citation. After further discussion, the proposed ordinance below was accepted for First Reading by the Council.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. THAT parking in two spaces in front of 715 Erie Avenue be restricted to two hours between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Sunday through Friday; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby instructed to erect appropriate signs to effect the directive in Section 1; AND

SECTION 3. 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; AND

SECTION 4. THAT this ordinance shall become effective upon completion of the signing.

6. Council approval on the Community Development Block Grant Proposals, FY-72, for submission to County (Public Hearing: 8:00 PM, September 24, 1980, 1st floor auditorium, County Office Building, Rockville, Md.). Councilmember Ricks made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Garcia, that the Council approve the CDBG proposals. Councilmember Holland questioned whether the Energy Retrofit Pilot Program would be duplicating any other City program, and was told that a program such as this is being looked into, but is not definite. Councilmember Ricks requested that the repair/replacement of the sidewalk on the odd-numbered side of Maple Avenue, between Sherman and Lincoln Avenues be included in the proposal; the City Administrator stated that this should be covered by funding, and that he would report at a later time on the cost and when it could be done. Councilmembers Ricks and Saloma requested an additional \$2,000 for play equipment at Colby Tot Lot, with Councilmember Ricks asking that it be incorporated into the original motion; Councilmember Garcia agreed to this change. When the motion for approval of the CDBG proposal was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously by the Council. (Copies of the amended proposal are available in the City office.)

7. Councilmember Patrick noted the receipt of a copy of a petition from the residents of Belford Towers Apartments, (located outside the City limits) requesting changes in the traffic signal at New Hampshire Avenue and Ray Road to accomodate J. Enos Ray school children who must cross New Hampshire Avenue. The petitioners stated that the signal allows 15 seconds for crossing and that, even with crossing guards, it is dangerous. The children from Belford Towers were bussed in previous years, and are not aware of the dangers. He said that a small child was hit by a car at the intersection last week and since then, the signal has been lengthened to 25 seconds and an additional crossing guard hired. The petition (sent to State Highway Administration) requested the following: pedestrian phase for traffic signal, prohibition of "U" turns and right turn on red during school crossing hours and increased police patrols to curb speeding. The City Police Department was requested to speak to the children about crossing busy streets. The petitioners requested help from the City Council in trying to push this forward. Councilmember Holland made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Patrick, that the Council write the State Highway Administration supporting the requests. When the motion was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously by the Council.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 PM, to reconvene on TUESDAY, October 14, 1980, at 8:00 PM.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Sam A. Abbott, Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
September 29, 1980

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Abbott  
Councilmember Garcia  
Councilmember Holland  
Councilmember Patrick  
Councilmember Ramsey  
Councilmember Ricks  
Councilmember Saloma  
Councilmember Weisman  
City Administrator Gilsdorf

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

1. Report to Mayor and Council by Phil Vogel on Recent Meetings with Seventh-Day Adventist Leaders. The main items reported on were the probable retention of the old Sanitarium Building and the possible closing of the Review and Herald.
2. Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Commission. Chairperson Lynn McKinney reported to the Mayor and Council on the activities of the Commission, stressing the need for budget information due to the likely need of more City staff time in the future.
3. City Police Department. Chief Carter reported to the Mayor and Council on the organization, activities, personnel, etc. of the Police Department. A brief report was also presented concerning the current problems with burglaries. Chief Carter will appear before the Mayor and Council at their next worksession to finish the remainder of his presentation.
4. 1979-80 Budget. The City Administrator reported to the Mayor and Council on some of the 1979-80 budget shortfalls that may cause some funding problems during the coming year. The City Administrator also presented the Mayor and Council with a list of unfinished business items for their consideration.
5. Agenda Items. The Mayor and Council added supplemental agenda items to the list presented above, all of which will be compiled into a comprehensive Agenda for priority identification.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 PM.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

Sam A. Abbott, Mayor

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Herbert W. Gilsdorf  
City Administrator