

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION
May 4, 1981

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Abbott
Councilmember Garcia
Councilmember Patrick
Councilmember Saloma
Councilmember Weisman
City Administrator Gilsdorf

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

1. Complaints from tenants of the Deauville Apartments, 7520 Maple Avenue. The tenants of the Deauville Apartments presented the Mayor and Council with complaints from their building pertaining to code enforcement. The tenants were advised that a full inspection would be scheduled as soon as possible and that the tenants' association could review the report prior to its being sent to the owner of the property.
2. Discussion of Reports submitted by the Businessmen-Citizen Committee. The Mayor and Council decided that this item would be placed on the Council meeting agenda as soon as Mr. Karl Kessler, spokesperson for the businessmen, returned to the country.
3. Laurel/Carroll Work Program. The City Administrator gave a brief progress report on this Program.

At 8:45 PM, Mayor Abbott called into session an emergency meeting of the Takoma Park Board of Health and Public Welfare. The meeting was called in response to threats by Washington Gas Company to disconnect service at 7667 Maple Avenue, Parkview Towers Apartments. This, coupled with similar threats by WSSC and PEPCO, was deemed to represent a serious threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the 125 families that reside on the premises. It was the unanimous decision of the Board members present that the secretary to the Board, Herbert Gilsdorf, be directed to take appropriate emergency action to prevent the utilities from being disconnected and that if necessary, an emergency meeting of the Board may be convened by telephone to take such other measures as may become necessary.

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4. 1981-82 Budget Issues. The Mayor and Council briefly discussed the 1981-82 budget, and they were reminded of the Public Hearing scheduled for May 11 on the proposed budgets of the Library, Code Enforcement and Public Works Departments.
 5. Council Minutes Distribution. The City Administrator suggested to the Mayor and Council that due to the extreme length and weight of recent Council minutes, that they no longer be mailed to citizens on a regular basis, unless the minutes weight is one ounce or less; that instead, the minutes be available on request to the City Office, at the Library and at Council meetings. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed with this suggestion.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

APPROVED _____

Sam A. Abbott
Mayor

ATTEST _____

Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council

and

Public Hearing: FY-82 Budgets for Library, Code Enforcement and Public Works Departments

May 11, 1981

[7:30 P. M.]

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Abbott
 ROLL CALL: Councilmember Garcia
 Councilmember Holland
 Councilmember Patrick
 Councilmember Ramsey
 Councilmember Ricks
 Councilmember Saloma
 Councilmember Weisman

PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY BOY SCOUT TROOP #33

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 1981

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Resolution recognizing a citizen for outstanding service to the community
2. Resolution paying tribute to the staff of J. Enos Ray School on the occasion of its closing
3. Presentation of checks in payment of delivery of the Newsletter by Takoma Park Boys' and Girls' Club and Boy Scout Troop #33
4. Other comments by the Mayor

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY-82 BUDGETS FOR LIBRARY, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPTS.

CITIZENS' REMARKS

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

1. Communications
2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council action:
 - (1) Proposed resolution authorizing the City Administrator to solicit bids for certificates of indebtedness
 - (2) Proposed ordinance authorizing purchase of file cabinet/safe for Recreation Department, using Revenue Sharing Funds

NOTICE: The Budget and Council Meeting Minutes are available on request (270-1700), at Council meetings, in the City Office and the Library.

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council
and
Public Hearing: FY-82 Budgets for
Library, Code Enforcement and Public Works Departments
May 11, 1981

City Officials Present:

Mayor Abbott	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilmember Garcia	Asst. City Administrator Shaffer
Councilmember Holland	City Clerk Pusti
Councilmember Patrick	Administrative Asst. Tyree
Councilmember Ramsey	Library Director Barclay
Councilmember Ricks	Police Chief Carter
Councilmember Saloma	Public Works Director Robbins
Councilmember Weisman	Recreation Director Ziegler
	Corporation Counsel Gingerich

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on May 11, 1981 at 7:30 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. There was a Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop #33. Upon motion, duly seconded, the minutes of April 13, 1981 were approved by the Council. Mayor Abbott noted that due to the nature of the past few meetings, and the size and length of the minutes, the Council has decided that they have become too expensive to mail, approximately \$1.00 per set, and until the minutes are an ounce or less, they would not be mailed, but made available at the Council meetings, City Office and Library, and individual copies could be mailed on request.

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Abbott presented the attached Resolution to Mrs. Grace Cangialosi, and also presented both Mr. and Mrs. Cangialosi with Honorary Citizen Certificates. They will be leaving the City shortly. (Attachment A)

Councilmember Patrick read the attached Resolution, on the occasion of the closing of J. Enos Ray School and presented it to Catherine Burch, of the Prince George's County Board of Education. (Attachment B)

Mayor Abbott stated that the May issue of the City Newsletter had been distributed by hand by members of Boy Scout Troop #33 and the Takoma Park Boys' and Girls' Club, instead of by the Post Office; presented each group with a check for \$300 for their services, saying that the City was able to save a couple hundred dollars; requested that residents of the City who did not receive a Newsletter contact the City Administrator's office (270-1700); stated that the next distribution would be on Saturday, May 23; thanked the groups for their help.

Mayor Abbott announced that the suit filed by Montgomery County against the City re firefighters retirement funding, has been scheduled to be heard by the County Circuit Court on January 4, 1982.

Regarding a suit filed against Prince George's County by several municipalities, including the City, on an attempt to collect income tax overpayments made by the County to municipalities, noted that the State Legislature has passed a bill forgiving municipalities of that liability.

Concerning the Double Taxation Bill that was not passed by the State Legislature this year, noted that the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) Legislative Action Committee, which introduced the Bill, is now in the process of preparing a position to be adopted at the June MML Convention, making Double Taxation the prime target of the MML's efforts, even if it is necessary to exclude all other issues; that considering the financial condition of most municipalities, it should be compulsory for the counties to work out an equitable formula with municipalities for payments for services provided by the municipalities, for which the residents are taxed twice; noted that Montgomery County has accepted such a position, but the formula is based on road mileage of the municipalities and has nothing to do with the amount of services provided, which means that smaller municipalities are receiving almost as much as the City without providing an equal amount of services; that this formula needs to be changed.

Noted a public meeting sponsored by the Democratic Central Committee on Wednesday, May 13, 7:30 P.M., for citizens to meet 5th Congressional District candidate Steny Hoyer. Congressman Barnes, Senator Crawford, Delegate Bainum, County Executive Gilchrist, and other elected officials would also be present; saying that this would be a good time for citizens to speak to those officials about the problems and needs of the City. Indicated that the Republican Candidate Audrey Scott could certainly also attend, if she so desired.

Councilmember Holland announced that the Council is now accepting nominations from citizen and civic organizations for the Community Development Block Grant Citizens' Advisory Committee; that the deadline for nominations is June 8; an article will appear in the Newsletter on this matter.

Mayor Abbott reminded Council that the deadline for submission for the June Newsletter is May 18, if they are to prepare an article on ward redistricting.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Proposed Resolution re entry in International Chicken Flying Meet in Rio Grande, Ohio (Councilmember Weisman)

Discussion of adult book store located at New Hampshire and Ethan Allen Avenues (Councilmember Holland)

Councilmember Garcia requested the City Administrator to contact Prince George's County authorities regarding proper licensing of the newly opened pawn shop on University Boulevard.

In reference to the resolution (April 27) on the reduction of Council of Governments (COG) Citizen Advisory Committees, Councilmember Ricks noted that he had brought this item before COG's Public Safety Committee, which in turn, sent it on to the COG Board of Directors as a concern of the Committee. Mayor Abbott indicated he would attempt to get support at the COG Board level.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY-82 BUDGETS FOR LIBRARY, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS

The City Administrator gave a brief report on the budget and pointed out that the proposed budget for FY-82 had been administratively prepared and recommended to the Mayor and Council for their consideration; that the final budget decisions rest with the citizens and the Mayor and Council.

I. Library Budget. The City Administrator noted that a 5% cost-of-living is included in the salaries for this and all departments; that reductions have been proposed for adult and children's books, as well as supplies and materials accounts; that these reductions are not something that he wanted to do, but it was necessary to make reductions wherever possible; that the total Library budget is proposed at \$176,727.

1. Suzanne Rhodenbaugh, 53 Walnut Avenue: stated that she would support a budget for the Library which would maintain the current level of services provided now, noting that the Library gives services as professional as those one would expect of a library in a much larger city; suggested reducing the Recreation Department budget rather than the Library because she felt the Recreation Department duplicates services provided by county, State and educational agencies; that cuts made in adult and children's books do not take into account the increasing costs of books. Library Director Barclay noted that donations of books made by citizens are approximately 21.6% of all books acquired by the Library this year--catalogued 2,555 books this year.

2. Robert Mulligan, 7405 Garland Avenue: stated that the Library does a great job in supporting the recreational and educational needs of Takoma Park citizens.

3. Faith Stern, 103 Grant Avenue, Chairman, Library Advisory Board: stated that she is disappointed in the proposed budget for the Library, noting that it will not maintain the current stock of books available; that to maintain that level of service, an additional \$2,606 is needed-- \$13,775 for adult books, \$5,200 for children's books, \$2,675 for periodicals and magazines, \$1,556 for records, and \$3,750 for supplies and materials--a total budget of \$179,333; suggested possibly increasing the fee for library cards, but only as a last resort; stated that the money budgeted for the Library is justifiably spent and urged the Council's support in funding the Library. Mrs. Barclay noted that data from a survey conducted on library users showed that residents of the Montgomery County portion of the City, specifically along Maple Avenue apartment corridor, were the main users.

4. Robert Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue: expressed his concern about the lack of City reserve funds and the use of Revenue Sharing Funds for departmental operations, saying that at this point it is risky to rely on the receipt of governmental funds and that he would be willing to pay taxes higher than those contemplated to ensure continued effective City services.

5. Sue Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue: said that contrary to an earlier statement, the Library does not predominantly serve residents of the Maple Avenue apartment area, but rather all groups of Takoma Park citizens; indicated her willingness to be taxed at a higher rate in order to maintain the services of the Library.

6. Richard Nakamura, 7413 Cedar Avenue: voiced his support of an increase in the Library budget, and requested a 10% increase in the account for children's books.

7. Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue: made several suggestions: that each taxpayer be assessed the cost of one book or one record album; or that money planned for curbs and gutters be used for the Library, investing money in terms of human needs as opposed to physical amenities.

8. Betty Barclay, City Librarian: concluded the hearing with a statistical report on last year's use of Library facilities.

II. Code Enforcement Budget

1. Debra Messinger, 7411 Flower Avenue: suggested that the Animal Warden be dropped and that county services be used instead. The City Administrator explained the nature of the Animal Warden's duties, saying that he performs a needed service not available through the counties, at very little cost to the City.

2. Joan Prosten, 7428 Carroll Avenue: made a similar suggestion, indicating Animal Warden functions could be handled by the counties, Code Enforcement or the Police Department.

3. Joseph Lerner, 7708 Takoma Avenue: indicated that the budget should reflect increased resources in the Code Enforcement Division, through the institution of an escalation of fees for any inspections following the initial one. The Mayor and City Administrator noted that a new fee structure is being considered and that the new Code Enforcement Supervisor would be brought in at a lower salary than Mr. Olson, who had reached the top of his grade; in addition, the use of Municipal Fraction citations will help offset some of the costs.

4. John Hemphill, 8112 Flower Avenue: expressed the opinion that the Code Enforcement should concentrate their resources on highrise apartments instead of less urgent problems in small multi-family buildings. He also asked for an increase in the Library budget.

5. Clarence Boatman, 133 Ritchie Avenue: expressed the desire for Code Enforcement to pursue enforcement of ordinances pertaining to trash and debris, as well as illegal operation of businesses from dwelling houses. Supported a continuance of those programs affecting environmental protections for citizens.

III. Public Works Budget

1. Alan McGan, 514 Albany Avenue: offered the following comments and suggestions: the lack of revenues could cause serious problems in future years. Revenue Sharing appears to be safe through 1982, but is endangered in succeeding years. The City should count on no more than 10% of its budget from federal and state agencies. Consideration should be given to cutting back on Public Works luxury services in future years (such as bi-weekly, back yard and Wednesday pickups). City's refuse service is matched by few other jurisdictions. A recycling program should be considered. Recommended organizing committees to look for long-range cost reductions in future years. Mayor Abbott and the City Administrator reported on the probability of having a newspaper recycling program in place in the near future which could result in a considerable savings in landfill fees. Mayor Abbott indicated that citizens who had expressed an interest in recycling would be called together on this matter. Suggested forming a budget committee immediately.
2. David Prosten, 7428 Carroll Avenue: requested information on the gas, oil and grease budget item; the City Administrator said that these are bought on the Prince George's County purchasing contract and are used for all City vehicles. Mr. Prosten said the proposed 5% salary increase for employees is only minimally acceptable when inflation rate is running to 12% and that he hoped this would not be considered for cuts when the Mayor and Council start their trimming process.
3. Enid Hodes, 7418 Hancock Avenue: agreed with Mr. McGan regarding long-range planning, but disagreed with his proposal for cutting back on refuse services, saying the appearance of the City would suffer. There followed a lengthy discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of curbside pickup, Wednesday pickups, bulky pickups, special weekend pickups, etc., with the Director of Public Works explaining the present operational set-up and that encompassed by the proposed budget, which does not include the latter service because of overtime cost.
4. Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue: encouraged the Mayor and Council to look at the spread between the salaries of sanitation workers (and other lower-paid employees) and that of the top people, with a view toward reducing the gap, perhaps by using a mechanism which would apply a higher percentage increase at the bottom and a lower one at the top. Mayor Abbott noted that COG had used that approach last year; that an egalitarian approach would be to divide the total amount of increases equally among all employees. The City Administrator said that most Public Works employees have been with the City for many years and are high up in their grade. Mrs. Mandel discussed with the Mayor and Council the permitted uses of Revenue Sharing and Block Grant Funds and the dangers of dependency on those funds. She also requested that salt not be used on City streets.
5. John Hemphill: made the following suggestions: that citizens be encouraged to mulch the leaves from their own property; using the front end loader to load trucks with mulch at a fee; expressed support of a newspaper recycling program.
6. Rino Aldrighetti, 7213 Central Avenue: commented as follows: the budget format in the way of detailed information and the Newsletter article are very informative and well done, giving citizens the facts they need; expressed the hope that a citizens advisory committee would be considered to look at long-term financial problems; the lack of follow-up in forming citizen committees has been a disappointment; suggested use of volunteers and/or interns when job openings develop. Regarding the latter, the City Administrator indicated that interns and volunteers have always been used in the Recreation Department; that Public Works has used several volunteers; and that there is now an administrative intern on board in his office. Mr. Aldrighetti urged the expansion of this type of program. Also said he would not like to see a reduction in Public Works services.

7. Ron Wylie, 7618 Glenside Court: in response to Mr. Wylie's question, the City Administrator said that the Revenue Sharing Funds planned to be used for prioritizing Public Works programs had had to be used for more pressing matters, but that he hoped a study would be funded under the Block Grant program for next year. Mr. Wylie discussed the matters of State projected vs. actual tax base for personal property tax; the possible use of the Emergency Fund in the case of extraordinary expenses such as those accruing to the Corporation Counsel from Montgomery County's suit against the City (the City Administrator said that the Emergency Fund is programmed for spending in the budget); felt that a better turnout for the meeting would have occurred had the Newsletter article been more explicit as to the proposed tax increase; noted that department heads must have been gratified to hear citizens state a willingness to be more heavily taxed in order to retain the services provided.

CITIZENS REMARKS

1. Councilmember Ricks transmitted to the City Administrator a file from the tenants of 7520 Maple Avenue which contained the results of their own survey of possible code violations. He also congratulated Dedra Tyree on having just received her Master's degree in Public Administration from Howard University.

2. Mary Alice Winch, 6 Crescent Place: presented petitions to the Mayor and Council requesting "Children Playing" signs in the Crescent-Park-Holt Place area; and a stop sign on Park Avenue either at Spruce Avenue or Crescent Place.

3. Elaine LaVaute, 240 Park Avenue: read a letter from the President of Old Takoma Citizens' Association supporting the above petitions. Upon motion by Councilmember Weisman, duly seconded, the Public Works Director was instructed to install the requested "Children Playing" signs. Chief Carter was asked to prepare a recommendation on the stop sign.

4. David Prosten: inquired as to the status of Council's redistricting proposal and asked to be notified as to any planned meetings on the subject. Mayor Abbott suggested that Council re-read the minutes of April 13, 1981; also indicated that Council should schedule their own meetings, since he did not plan to attend.

5. Robert Leyshon, 7105 Cedar Avenue: suggested that Council consider a blanket ordinance authorizing stop signs at all intersections; requested "Children Playing" signs in the 7100 block of Cedar Avenue.

6. Ron Wylie: inquired as to the status of problems recited at the last meeting by the tenants of 7520 Maple Avenue vis-a-vis code enforcement files. The City Administrator reported that there had been an apparent misunderstanding as to the particular citations requested; that he and Mayor Abbott had reviewed the file for that address and found it to be in order. Councilmember Ricks said that he and Councilmember Saloma had met with the tenants until near midnight during the same week and had cleared up the misunderstanding. Mr. Wylie announced that Montgomery County Council would hold a worksession on May 18 on proposed legislation regulating obscene performances.

7. John Hemphill: reported on the work of the CATV Committee. He indicated that it was the consensus of the majority of the committee to go with one of the Counties, provided certain conditions can be met; but that he personally favored a co-op.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. Reminder of a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council (combined with a Worksession) to be held at 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 18, for the purpose of (1) passing an ordinance accepting bid on Certificate of Indebtedness; and (2) a show cause hearing for the owners of properties which are the subject of condemnation proceedings: 7106 Sycamore Avenue; 7511 Carroll Avenue; and 6761 Eastern Avenue.

2. Letter from Suzanne Rodenbaugh thanking the Mayor and Council for actions taken at the request of the Westmoreland Avenue Community Organization.

3. Letter from Montgomery County Councilman Gudis regarding the nuclear waste resolution, adopted by the City Council on April 27, 1981, stating his support and intent to introduce it to the County Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to solicit bids for Certificates of Indebtedness. Upon motion, duly seconded, the resolution below was adopted unanimously by Councilmembers present. In response to the Mayor's questions, the City Administrator explained that in essence this action would permit the City to establish a line of credit for the purpose of meeting obligations until such time that City taxes and revenues from other jurisdictions are received.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of Takoma Park adopted for the Fiscal Year 1980-81 includes revenues to be received from the State of Maryland, Montgomery County and Prince George's County; AND

WHEREAS, a substantial part of the revenues due the City of Takoma Park from the State of Maryland, Montgomery County and Prince George's County have not been received as of this time; AND

WHEREAS, because of increased costs incurred in the operation of the City of Takoma Park due to inflation and unanticipated governmental activities the budgeted disbursements have been exceeding the amount included in the adopted City of Takoma Park budget for the Fiscal Year 1980-81; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has utilized its budget surplus in the day-to-day operations of the City of Takoma Park government; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park requires that it borrow up to \$500,000 to meet payroll and current day-to-day obligations of the City for the period May 22, 1981 through September 30, 1981, when it is anticipated that the real property taxes to be levied for the Fiscal Year 1981-82 will begin to be collected; AND

WHEREAS, Section 1.7(h) of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park provides that "The Council may issue interest-bearing certificates of indebtedness, not to exceed in amount the annual revenue of the City, less the amount of all sinking funds previously provided for, said certificates and interest to be paid only from such revenue and within one (1) year from the date of their issue; and such certificates may be issued in pursuance of an ordinance duly passed without submitting the question to the registered voters of the City".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, that the City Administrator is duly authorized to negotiate with the banking institutions, doing business within the City of Takoma Park, and others outside the City, to determine the best interest rate that could be obtained on certificates of indebtedness; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such certificates of indebtedness shall be issued from time to time between May 22, 1981 and September 30, 1981, but at no time may the certificates of indebtedness exceed a total of \$500,000 outstanding; and each certificate of indebtedness shall be payable at any time without penalty, but in any event, each certificate of indebtedness issued to be due and payable within one (1) year from date of issue.

2. Ordinance authorizing purchase of file cabinet/safe for Recreation Department, using Revenue Sharing Funds. Upon motion by Councilmember Holland, duly seconded by Councilmember Ricks, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: Councilmember Saloma.

ORDINANCE NO. 2569

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

SECTION 1. THAT the proposed use schedule for Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for FY-81 set aside \$300 for the purchase of a file/safe for use in the Recreation Department; AND

SECTION 2. THAT quotations were solicited from qualified suppliers, with Ginns office supply company offering the best price for the specific product needed by the Recreation Department.

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT purchase of the following be authorized:

- 1 Steelmaster Combination File and Storage Cabinet, Model CB2L, with Safety Vault @ \$251.85, plus shipping; AND

SECTION 4. THAT funds to cover this purchase be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account and transferred to the appropriate Recreation Department Account.

3. Resolution designating Takoma Park's official entry in the International Chicken Flying Meet. Councilmember Weisman read a resolution and requested that it be adopted by the Council. Upon motion by Councilmember Holland, seconded by Councilmember Ricks, the attached Resolution (Attachment C) was adopted unanimously by Councilmembers present.

4. Adult Book Store status, 6854 New Hampshire Avenue. Councilmember Holland reported a sign posted on the premises soliciting comments on a possible nonconforming adult book store permit, and moved that the Council go on record as opposing this change in status. Upon proper motion, duly seconded, Councilmembers present voted unanimously to communicate that position to the appropriate County officials and to notify local church groups which have been actively involved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M., to reconvene in Special session at 7:30 P.M., May 18, 1981, and in Regular session at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 26, 1981.

APPROVED: _____

Sam A. Abbott
Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

ATTACHMENT A

Council meeting minutes
May 11, 1981

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Takoma Park citizens have been the recipients of many hours of pleasure through the efforts of Mrs. Grace Cangialosi and the Takoma Park Community Singers; AND

WHEREAS, during the past five years, Grace Cangialosi reorganized the Takoma Park Community Chorus, which numbered some eight members, to its present membership of twenty-four, and has brought about a corresponding enrichment and diversification of its repertoire; AND

WHEREAS, Grace Cangialosi will be moving from the City of Takoma Park and the Mayor and Council wish to recognize her work as director of the Takoma Park Community Singers in providing fine entertainment at numerous community events.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Mayor and Council of Takoma Park Maryland, on behalf of the citizens of the City, hereby express their appreciation to Grace Cangialosi for sharing her warmth, time and talent with the community; commend her for her perseverance and dedication; and thank her for the memorable song-filled hours she has made possible, AND

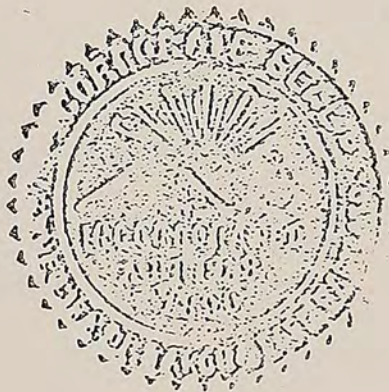
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council extend to Grace and her family best wishes for good health, success, and prosperity for many years to come.

Adopted and approved this eleventh day of May, 1981.

Attest:

Sibyl Pusti
Sibyl Pusti
City Clerk

Sam A. Abbott
Sam A. Abbott
Mayor



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ATTACHMENT B

Council meeting minutes
May 11, 1981

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the J. Enos Ray Elementary School has been an integral part of the community and has served as a vital force in shaping the lives of Takoma Park children since its opening in 1924; AND

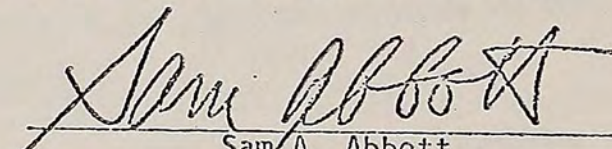
WHEREAS, many of the graduates of J. Enos Ray School have distinguished themselves in later life, thus attesting to the quality of the education provided during their formative years; AND

WHEREAS, owing to the nationwide phenomenon of declining enrollment, J. Enos Ray will close its doors in June of this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND do hereby pay tribute to the teachers -- both past and present -- of J. Enos Ray Elementary School, who for some fifty-seven years have provided inspiration and guidance to the children and citizens of the community, and who will be sorely missed; AND

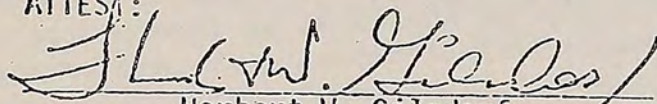
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council commend Mrs. Rogene R. Higgins, who has served with distinction as Principal and the guiding force at J. Enos Ray since 1964.

MAY 11, 1981.



Sam A. Abbott
Mayor

ATTEST:



Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator



ATTACHMENT C

Council meeting minutes
May 11, 1981

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Henry and Debbie Allen of 513 New York Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland, have an entry in the International Chicken Flying Meet to be held at the Bob Evans Farm near Rio Grande, Ohio; AND

WHEREAS, The Takoma Park City Council wishes to take note of this event; AND

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland that the chicken entered by Henry and Debbie Allen, and other citizens of Takoma Park, in the International Chicken Flying Meet at the Bob Evans Farm near Rio Grande, Ohio, on Saturday, May 16, 1981, shall be designated as the official entry of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland in said contest; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said chicken shall also participate in Takoma Park's annual Fourth of July parade.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND ON
MAY 11, 1981.

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
AND
WORKSESSION
May 18, 1981
7:30 P.M.

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

- 1) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Proposal to Relocate Bus Routes K-5 and K-6. It was the decision of the Mayor and Council to oppose this action, both in writing and by the Mayor's appearance at a public hearing scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 19.
- 2) Maplewood Avenue Properties. Mayor Abbott reported to Councilmembers that the Montgomery County Council would take this matter up at their May 19 meeting, which he plans to attend.
- 3) Redistricting. By consensus of the Council, the June 8 public hearing on this matter was rescheduled for July 13, with the June 15 Council worksession being devoted, at least in part, to this subject.
- 4) Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) Report. COLTA Chairperson McKinney expressed her dissatisfaction with the Corporation Counsel's handling of recent COLTA orders. The Mayor and Council noted their concern over this matter and promised to discuss it further during their reconsideration of rent stabilization for next year.
- 5) "Show Cause" Condemnation Hearings for: 7106 Sycamore Avenue, owner Samuel Karkenny present; 6761 Eastern Avenue and 7511 Carroll Avenue, owners for these properties not in attendance. The City Administrator presented evidence to the Mayor and Council on the three cases, and after discussion, the Council took the matter under advisement, stating that action would be taken at the May 26 Council meeting.
- 6) Laurel/Carroll Work Program. Mr. Harold Phipps, Commercial Revitalization Specialist, made a brief presentation to the Mayor and Council on this subject.
- 7) Parks Report. Recreation Director Belle Ziegler appeared before the Mayor and Council to advise them on the status of City parks.
- 8) Ordinance Accepting Bid on Certificates of Indebtedness. The City Council discussed the bid from the Citizens Bank and Trust Company at a 9% interest rate on the Certificate of Indebtedness. The City Administrator was directed by the Council to send a letter to the Chairman of the Board of Suburban Trust Company expressing their dissatisfaction with the Bank's reluctance to bid on the Certificate.

-2- Special Meeting of the Mayor
and Council, and Worksession
May 18, 1981

Upon motion, duly seconded, the ordinance below was adopted by roll call vote, as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Garcia, Holland, Patrick, Ramsey, Ricks, Saloma and Weisman. NAY: None. EXCUSED: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2570

WHEREAS, the budget of the City of Takoma Park adopted for the Fiscal Year 1980-81 includes revenues to be received from the State of Maryland, Montgomery County and Prince George's County; AND

WHEREAS, a substantial part of the revenues due the City of Takoma Park from the State of Maryland, Montgomery County and Prince George's County have not been received as of this time; AND

WHEREAS, because of increased costs incurred in the operation of the City of Takoma Park due to inflation and unanticipated governmental activities the budgeted disbursements have been exceeding the amount included in the adopted City of Takoma Park budget for the Fiscal Year 1980-81; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has utilized its budget surplus in the day-to-day operations of the City of Takoma Park government; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park requires that it borrow up to \$500,000 to meet payroll and current day-to-day obligations of the City for the period May 22, 1981 through September 30, 1981 when it is anticipated that the real property taxes to be levied for the Fiscal Year 1981-82 will begin to be collected; AND

WHEREAS, Section 1.7(h) of the Charter of the City of Takoma Park provides that "The Council may issue interest-bearing certificates in indebtedness, not to exceed in amount the annual revenue of the City, less the amount of all sinking funds previously provided for, said certificates and interest to be paid only from such revenue and within one (1) year from the date of their issue; and such certificates may be issued in pursuance of an ordinance duly passed without submitting the question to the registered voters of the City"; AND

WHEREAS, the City Administrator pursuant to the request of the Mayor and Council has negotiated with the banking institution, doing business within the City of Takoma Park and others outside the City to determine the best rate that could be obtained on certificates of indebtedness when issued; AND

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has received in writing offers or bids, which are part of the records of the City of Takoma Park, to purchase interest-bearing certificates of indebtedness up to \$500,000, the lowest interest rate being an interest rate of 9% per annum, received from Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA
PARK:

SECTION 1. THAT City of Takoma Park issue from time to time between
May 22, 1981 and September 30, 1981, interest-bearing
certificates of indebtedness not to exceed a total of
\$500,000 outstanding at any one time to Citizens Bank and
Trust Company, at an interest rate of 9% per annum.

SECTION 2. THAT each certificate of indebtedness shall be payable at
any time without penalty but in any event each certificate
of indebtedness issued to be due and payable within one (1)
year from date of issue.

SECTION 3. THAT the certificates of indebtedness shall be payable from
the revenues of the City.

SECTION 4. THAT the certificates of indebtedness when issued shall be
signed by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Takoma Park
and attested by the City Administrator.

9) Preliminary Subdivision Plat--Westmoreland and Carroll Avenues.
This item was deferred until the Council meeting of May 26.

At 11:30 P.M., by consensus of the Council, the meeting was closed
for discussion of personnel matters.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meet-
ing adjourned at 12:45 A.M.

APPROVED: _____
Sam A. Abbott
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator

May 26 Agenda

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council
andPublic Hearings: FY-82 Budgets for Police, Recreation and Administration
Public Hearing on Proposed Use of FY-82 Federal Revenue Sharing Funds
Public Hearing on Intent to Exceed Constant Yield Tax

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1981

[8:00 P. M.]

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 APRIL 27, 1981

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY-82 BUDGETS FOR POLICE, RECREATION AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF FY-82 FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY'S INTENT TO EXCEED STATE-IMPOSED CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE

CITIZENS' REMARKS

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf

1. Communications
2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action
 - (1) Administrative report on burned-out houses:
 - 103 Sheridan Avenue
 - 118 Park Avenue
 - (2) First reading of an ordinance declaring 7106 Sycamore Avenue to be a nuisance and ordering it to be abated within the prescribed period
 - (3) First reading of an ordinance declaring the structure at 7511 Carroll Avenue to be a nuisance and ordering it to be abated within the period prescribed
 - (4) First reading of an ordinance declaring the structure at 6761 Eastern Avenue to be a nuisance and ordering abatement within prescribed period
 - (5) Discussion of Preliminary Subdivision Plan #1-81083, Laurel Avenue at Westmoreland Avenue
 - (6) Discussion of stop signs in the 7200 block of Maple Avenue
 - (7) First reading of an ordinance authorizing installation of a stop sign on Park Avenue at Spruce

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and

Public Hearings: FY-82 Budgets for Police, Recreation and Administration
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May 26, 1981

City Officials Present:

Mayor Abbott	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilmember Garcia	Asst. City Administrator Shaffer
Councilmember Holland	City Clerk Pusti
Councilmember Patrick	Administrative Asst. Tyree
Councilmember Ramsey	Police Chief Carter
Councilmember Ricks	Public Works Director Robbins
Councilmember Saloma	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilmember Weisman	Recreation Supervisor Pendry-Hartig
	Corporation Counsel Gingerich

The Mayor and Council of Takoma Park met on May 26, 1981, at 8:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge, a motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the minutes of April 27, 1981; the motion was unanimously approved by the Council.

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Regarding the Maplewood Avenue properties owned by the Washington Adventist Hospital and operated by Montgomery County as alcoholic rehabilitation halfway houses, Mayor Abbott stated that the County Council has decided there are not enough funds this year to staff these facilities. One of the provisions of the bond issue is that no part of the Hospital or its properties can be operated at a loss, as is the case with the Maplewood Avenue properties, and that they will now be put on the market for private ownership.

Mayor Abbott noted that the Montgomery County Council had informed him of their appreciation for the resolution on nuclear waste transports and that they are in the process of drawing up such legislation as suggested by the City.

Stated that Takoma Park Junior High School is slated for closure in 1983; that the Montgomery County Board of Education (BOE) has adopted new policies which speed up such processes. Dr. Faith Stern is setting up a committee to develop alternatives and fight the planned closure which the superintendent of schools will accept until the end of July. In turn, he will send his recommendations to the BOE in late August. The BOE will make its preliminary decision and allow for public hearings for appeals in October, with the finalization of policies to be made no later than December. Mayor Abbott noted that during 1983 the Junior High will be used by the 10th grade of Blair High School, while renovations of that building are taking place; after that time, it is not known what the Junior High will be used for; that County documents on the proposed closure plans should be available in the City Library next week; that the Council intends to work with Dr. Stern's committee and that he hoped the entire community would be mobilized to support the retention of the school.

Mayor Abbott announced that Memorial Day services hosted by VFW Post #350 have been rescheduled for Saturday, May 30th at 2:00 P.M.; urged citizens to attend.

Mayor Abbott presented the following Certificate of Appreciation:

The Takoma Park Committee for People With Disabilities presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Angel Rodriguez and Harold Terrain, co-owners of Concepts, and their staff, for their successful "Cut-a-Thon", the proceeds of which were donated to help launch the Takoma Park Committee's effort to meet the needs of local citizens with disabilities.

Sam A. Abbott
Mayor

Harry Whiting
Chairman

Mayor Abbott noted that the turn-out for the Cut-a-Thon was not as good as hoped. Mr. Harry Whiting, Chairman of the Committee, stated that 1981 is the International Year of Disabled Persons, which is to promote and make people aware of the needs of the disabled; that the Committee needs more input/ideas from citizens for this effort and a meeting is scheduled for June, the exact date to be announced later; noted that he hoped to have more events such as the Cut-a-Thon, which raised approximately \$160; the Committee is currently involved in working on the needs of the tenants of the Franklin Apartments on Maple Avenue, which houses elderly and disabled residents.

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Steve Malakoff, 7302 Maple Avenue: presented Council with petition signed by 30 area residents requesting removal of the mid-block stop sign on Maple Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY-82 BUDGETS FOR POLICE, RECREATION AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENTS

I. Police Department. Chief of Police Carter stated that there are 31 full-time police officer positions and one part-time officer used for special events, plus the 5 police detectives and also civilian dispatchers; that the officers work 12-hour shifts, with five uniformed officers on each shift; noted that the crime rate in the City has decreased from that of 1979; that the Department is continuing its effort to close cases and reduce crime.

1. Raymond Hill, 7104 Poplar Avenue: stated that the increase in the Department's budget can mainly be attributed to salary increases.

2. Ron Wylie, 7618 Glenside Court: stated his support for the department's budget saying it was efficiently operated; requested information on concealed weapons arrests. The Chief said that statistics may show an increase, but there have been few arrests in the City. In response to Mr. Wylie's questions, Chief Carter stated that level of problems is a factor in patrolling neighborhoods, but that usually any given neighborhood is patrolled four to five times during an officer's 12-hour shift; that police officers are not required to reside in the City; gave a brief description of the Department's ongoing human relations program.

3. Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue: suggested reinstating the foot-patrol program and in the next year's budget, possibly making cuts in service in this department.

II. Recreation Department. The City Administrator noted that there is a proposed decrease in this department's budget for 1982; that this was done by rearranging the hours of the part-time employees.

1. Ed Hutmire, 21 Columbia Avenue: stated that the Recreation Department is the only department that would receive a decrease from the current year's budget; that the Department tries to keep expenses as low as possible by recruiting volunteer help for the many activities they plan during the year; that there are only three full-time persons running the department; that it is a very visible department; and that the personnel in this department, including the director, are paid much less than area municipality and county recreation department employees.

2. Opal Daniels, 19 Sherman Avenue: expressed agreement with Mr. Hutmire's statements, saying that the City's Recreation Department does a beautiful job coordinating programs with the Counties and that if the Department were not here, many of the programs the citizens now enjoy, would have surely been cut by the counties.

3. Mary Ann Leary, 7303 Takoma Avenue, Historic Takoma, Inc.: requested that \$500 be set aside by the City for use for the City's centennial celebration in 1983; that this money also be used as seed money for Historic Takoma's proposed publication--Photo Essay of Takoma Park--that with the City's money, feels confident that the group can go to banks and other institutions to obtain matching contributions.

4. Nancy Ricks, 5 Lee Avenue: noted that the many small decreases in the Department's budget do not reflect the increases that will probably come during the year due to inflation; that the programs sponsored by the Department are an asset to the community; said she felt the Recreation Department should receive the same increase that the Library receives.

5. Mike Eudell, 7301 Cedar Avenue: noted that the adult programs sponsored by the Department are increasing in size all the time; requested the Council to give the Department all the help it can.

6. Jim Rhodes, 1101 Lancaster Road: stated that the City budget on a whole makes sense, more than it has for a long time, but the Recreation Department's budget is dangerously low and should be increased; urged that class fees be held to a minimum, because if increased, could turn people away.

7. Ron Wylie: stated that he would prefer to see separate mileage payment accounts for each department and not all drawn from the same account.

III. Administration Department. The City Administrator stated that the major proposed increase for this department is extra funding for the City's Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs.

1. Clayton Forshee, 722 Kennebec Avenue: stated that nothing specific has been said to the general public concerning the proposed increase in the City tax rate; noted that the City should look at some of the programs/departments and see if the Counties could take them over.

2. Rino Aldrighetti, 7213 Central Avenue, Vice President, Longbranch-Sligo Citizens' Association: stated that the choice is not to try and get repayments of double taxation back from the Counties, but that the City's departments and programs should be more cost effective; that the City needs to have long-term planning on cost-effective programs and goals; read a resolution adopted by the Association which calls upon the City to establish a citizen advisory committee to work on the preparation of the budget.

3. Joe Gianinni, 208 Spring Avenue: stated that he felt the Police Department budget was too low and requested that there be more routine patrols of neighborhoods.

4. Ruth Abbott, 7308 Birch Avenue: asked what the mileage reimbursement figure is to be in the new budget and if it is comparable to surrounding jurisdictions. The City Administrator stated that the City traditionally follows the Federal government mileage figure; that the reimbursement amount will be 22.5¢ per mile and would be taken out of a \$5,000 budget amount.

5. Ron Wylie: stated that the most recent Newsletter article on the proposed budget should have stated specifically the increased tax rate amount and should have also spoken to the increased property assessments; suggested extending the City's rent stabilization ordinance and having the Commission assume the duties now contracted to Montgomery County's Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs; suggested that there should be some written agreement or contract between the City and Corporation Counsel. Councilmember Ramsey noted that there should be more time allotted next year for consideration of the budget; Mayor Abbott stated that the limited amount of time allowed for budget consideration will be taken up at a later time as a pertinent issue to changing the date of the City election.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF FY-82 FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

The City Administrator reported that the amount of Revenue Sharing Funds allotted for the City is \$86,000, plus an additional \$6,000 that was previously unbudgeted; that the recommended useage is as follows: \$50,000 - Police Department operations, \$20,000 - Code Enforcement operations, and \$22,000 - Library operations; noted that the use of these funds for regular departmental operations can realistically be done for only one year; that previously Revenue Sharing Funds have been used for capital outlay items such as vehicle and equipment purchases, payment for Montgomery County's Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs (OLTA), etc.

1. Carlos Stewart, 7710 Maple Avenue: stated that he had previously recommended that Revenue Sharing Funds be used to fund the Landlord-Tenant Commission and asked why money was not allotted in this way. Councilmember Ricks stated that he has requested the City Administrator to compare OLTA and COLTA and to develop ways to fund the City's program.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY'S INTENT TO EXCEED STATE-IMPOSED CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE

The City Administrator stated that the Constant Yield Tax Rate issued by the State is \$1.26; this tax rate should equal the same amount of revenue as in Fiscal Year 1981.

1. Ron Wylie: asked how much the budget would be reduced if the City were to use the Constant Yield Tax Rate. The City Administrator stated that it would be a reduction of about \$400,000.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Communications

1. Samuel Karkenny. Notice to Mayor and Council that he is correcting the housing code violations at his property located at 7106 Sycamore Avenue and that it will be placed on the market for sale soon.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

1. Administrative Report on burned-out houses at 103 Sheridan Avenue and 118 Park Avenue. The City Administrator stated that the owner of 103 Sheridan is having difficulties with the County in being able to rebuild on the existing foundation; that the owner plans to sell the property. The property at 118 Park Avenue has been sold and it is currently in need of interior renovations, but does not have to be demolished. The City Administrator suggested to the Mayor and Council that they delay any action on these properties for a short period of time to allow the purchasers time for rehabilitation. Councilmembers agreed to this suggestion.

2. First Reading of an ordinance decalaring 7106 Sycamore Avenue to be a nuisance and ordering it to be abated within the prescribed period. The City Administrator stated that the owner is required to abate all code violations and restore the building to a habitable state, or demolish it and remove all debris within 30 days from May 26, 1981. The Mayor and Council recognized the following persons to speak on the subject: Moses Karkenny, 9 Pine Avenue, stated that he is the father of the owner, Sam Karkenny; that he had not come to defend his son; he had advised him that if he wants to keep the property, he should do what the Council asks of him and make the necessary repairs; he did not think that 30 days was enough time, but that his son has begun making some corrections on the property. Tim Smith, 7016 Sycamore Avenue, stated that he thought the letter from Sam Karkenny to the Mayor and Council was very ambiguous as to when the repairs will actually be done; that the experiences he and other neighbors have had in the past gives them no confidence that the repairs will be done on time or in a proper manner; asked if the list of violations given to Mr. Karkenny include the structural deficiencies and what would happen if

Mr. Karkenny does not make the repairs or demolish the building within the allotted 30 days. The City Administrator stated that the code enforcement violation notices include all deficiencies, including structural ones; that if Mr. Karkenny does not comply with the ordinance, he would recommend to the Council that the demolition process be started by the City. Jullena Jones, 7102 Sycamore Avenue, stated that she agreed that some of the corrections have been started, but they are not being done properly; that there is a young couple living in the house and she believes Mr. Karkenny is collecting rent; urged Council to strictly enforce City code on this property. Richard Amt, 7111 Sycamore Avenue, stated that he is disappointed that Mr. Karkenny received another 30 days to make corrections, since the property has been condemned for the past 14 months; that the work being done to the property was cosmetic, and not addressing the structural deficiencies; requested that a code enforcement inspection take place at the end of the 30 days be very thorough. Mr. Moses Karkenny urged his son's neighbors to encourage him to renovate his property instead of condemning him. After further deliberations, the Council approved the ordinance below for First Reading:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

- SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS on April 27, 1981, Ordinance No. 2564 was adopted by the Mayor and Council authorizing legal proceedings for condemnation of the building located at 7106 Sycamore Avenue, situated on Lot 14, Block 21, B. F. Gilbert Subdivision within the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County, Liber 4574, Folio 723, and Tax Record a/c #1064850, Samuel Karkenny; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT a Public Hearing was held on May 18, 1981, as prescribed by law, and that the owner or a representative of his choice was given opportunity at that time to show cause why the building should not be declared a nuisance. Minutes of such Hearing being recorded in Minute Book Volume No. 45.
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council hereby declare the building located at 7106 Sycamore Avenue to be a nuisance; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT in accordance with Chapter 6, Article 6 (formerly Article 7), Section 6-71 of the Code of Takoma Park, 1972, as amended, the owner, Samuel Karkenny, is hereby ordered to abate code violations PM-301.1 (formerly H-502.0), PM-302.4.5 (formerly H-323.4), and PM-303.3 (formerly H-337.0) and to restore the building to a habitable condition or demolish the building and remove all debris within a period of thirty (30) days from May 26, 1981.

3. First Reading of an ordinance declaring the structure at 7511 Carroll Avenue to be a nuisance and ordering it to be abated within the period prescribed. It was noted by the City Administrator that the property owner has not contacted the City in response to earlier communications. The Council approved the following ordinance for First Reading.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

- SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS on April 27, 1981, Ordinance No. 2563 was adopted by the Mayor and Council authorizing legal proceedings for condemnation of the building located at 7511 Carroll Avenue, situated on Lot 36, Block 37, B. F. Gilbert Subdivision within the City of Takoma Park, Maryland recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County, Liber 4587, Folio 761, and in Tax Record a/c #1074472, Leola S. Quarles; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT a Public Hearing was held on May 18, 1981, as prescribed by law, and that the owner or a representative of his choice was given opportunity at that time to show cause why the building should not be declared a nuisance. Minutes of such Hearing being recorded in Minute Book Volume No. 45.
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council hereby declare the building located at 7511 Carroll Avenue to be a nuisance; AND
- SECTION 4. THAT in accordance with Chapter 6, Article 6 (formerly Article 7), Section 6-71 of the Code of Takoma Park, 1972, as amended, the owner, Leola S. Quarles, is hereby ordered to abate code violations PM-302.3.3 (formerly H-321.3), PM-303.2 (formerly H-321.1), PM-303.3 (formerly H-337.0), PM-303.8 (formerly H-322.1), PM-602.3 (formerly H-414.1), PM-704.2 (formerly H-410.1), and PM-801.2 (formerly H-502.0) and to restore the building to a habitable condition or demolish the building and remove all debris within a period of thirty (30) days from May 26, 1981.

4. First Reading of an ordinance declaring the structure at 6761 Eastern Avenue to be a nuisance and ordering abatement within prescribed period. The First Reading of the ordinance below was approved by the Council.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

- SECTION 1. THAT WHEREAS on April 27, 1981, Ordinance No. 2565 was adopted by the Mayor and Council authorizing legal proceedings for condemnation of the building located at 6761 Eastern Avenue, situated on Lot 16, Block 17, Pinecrest Subdivision within the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County, Liber 2202, Folio 77, and in Tax Record a/c #1059168, William Lee Brock; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT a Public Hearing was held on May 18, 1981, as prescribed by law, and that the owner or a representative of his choice was given opportunity at that time to show cause why the building should not be declared a nuisance. Minutes of such Hearing being recorded in Minute Book Volume No. 45.
- SECTION 3. THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council hereby declare the building located at 6761 Eastern Avenue to be a nuisance; AND

SECTION 4. THAT in accordance with Chapter 6, Article 6 (formerly Article 7), Section 6-71 of the Code of Takoma Park, 1972, as amended, the owner, William Lee Brock, is hereby ordered to abate code violations PM-302.2 (formerly H-321.3), PM-302.3.2 (formerly H-321.2), PM-303.2 (formerly H-321.1), PM-303.3 (formerly H-337.0), PM-801.2 (formerly H-502.0), and PM-801.3 (formerly H-503.0) and to restore the building to a habitable condition or demolish the building and remove all debris within a period of thirty (30) days from May 26, 1981.

5. Discussion of Preliminary Subdivision Plan #1-81083, Carroll Avenue at Westmoreland Avenue. Mayor Abbott noted that Mr. Harold Phipps, Commercial Revitalization Specialist for the Laurel/Carroll Commercial Area, had recommended the following to the Council: that the Council approve the subdivision contingent upon County findings re adequate set backs and parking, review and approval of any new development that may occur; Mr. Phipps had also noted that by subdividing the lot, it would place constraints on any kind of development of the lot. Councilmember Holland noted that the owner has not come before the Council to offer any explanation for wanting to subdivide the lot, that the proposal would split the current lot in two--one lot containing the present building and the other the back porch of the building and the small rear yard, which would not be large enough to build on. Councilmember Saloma agreed that the Council does not know enough about the owner's intentions for the lot. Councilmember Holland made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Ramsey, that the Council contact the County stating their opposition of the subdivision. After further discussion, the Council approved the motion by a 6:1 vote, with Councilmember Garcia voting in the negative.

6. Discussion of stop signs in the 7200 block of Maple Avenue. The Mayor recognized the following persons to speak on this issue: Steve Melov, 7302 Maple Avenue, stated that the residents along this block of Maple Avenue would like the Council to remove the stop signs; that they have lead to increased noise and pollution; although the signs have slowed traffic somewhat, the problems created outweigh the benefits; suggested that the Council look into alternative means to slow the traffic after the signs are removed. Councilmember Ricks made a motion, duly seconded by Councilmember Saloma, that an ordinance to remove the stop signs be drawn up for First Reading at the next Council meeting on June 8. Roland Halstead, 7116 Maple Avenue, noted that there is a definite problem of speeding on Maple Avenue and that the stop signs have abated this problem to a degree; that although the signs may cause problems for the residents in the immediate area, it has enhanced the quality of life for the rest of the residents on Maple Avenue; requested the Chief of Police's view on the usefulness of the signs; noted that although the stop signs may not be the best solution to the problem, they should remain until a better solution is developed. Chief of Police Carter stated that there have been the same number of accidents reported during the first quarter of 1981 as in 1980; that from personal observations and speaking to residents on Maple Avenue, agreed that the signs have met their objective of reducing speed, but it is possible that the cure is worse than the disease. Juanita Murry, 7302 Maple Avenue, noted that as she was collecting signatures for the petition to remove the stop signs, residents continually mentioned that they would like to see some alternative method to slowing traffic. Councilmember Saloma stated that the gains met by reducing the speed of traffic have been offset by the increased noise and pollution; requested the Council to support the motion to remove the signs and thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers and the Chief for being willing to try this approach to the speeding problem. When the motion was put to a vote, it was approved unanimously by the Council.

7. First Reading of an ordinance authorizing installation of a stop sign on Park Avenue at Spruce Avenue. The ordinance below was accepted by the Council for First Reading:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. THAT all traffic on Park Avenue travelling in a southerly direction shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Spruce Avenue; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized and instructed to erect a STOP sign at the appropriate location; 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(a) of the Code of Takoma Park, Maryland, 1972, as amended.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 A.M., to reconvene on Monday, June 8, 1981, at 8:00 P.M.

APPROVED _____
Sam A. Abbott
Mayor

ATTEST _____
Herbert W. Gilsdorf
City Administrator