

Worksession Agenda -- 7:30 PM  
Monday, May 7, 1984

1. Westmoreland Avenue block party (Dalmat)
2. Police regulations (Fisher)
3. Discussion of Farmers' Market
4. Budget worksession: Public Works Streets, Repair Shop, Office (Robbins)
5. Fire service tax update (Wilson)
6. Montgomery County CDBG proposal (D'Ovidio)
7. User fee for bulky trash pick-ups (D'Ovidio)
8. Street name change: Lee Avenue to Mitchell Avenue (Wayne Upton)
9. Plans for TOT canopies (Robbins); TOT lampposts
10. Partners for Livable Places (Haney)
11. Limited Equity Coop Task Force (Iddings)
12. Discussion of resolution on agreement on development on Holton Lane (Wilson)

Mayor and Council Worksession

May 7, 1984

The Mayor and City Council met in worksession at 7:44 p.m., Monday, May 7, 1984, with the Mayor chairing. Present were: Mayor Abbott, Councilmembers Aldrighetti, Bradley, Dalmat, D'Ovidio, Haney, Iddings and Williams; Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins, Police Lt. Gowin, Economic Development Coordinator Mok, Corporation Counsel Gagliardo, Asst. Corporation Counsel DeNovo, WACO President Arthur Karpas.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon as indicated:

1. Westmoreland Avenue block party. Councilmember Aldrighetti suggested submission of a petition; the Mayor felt the matter should be handled administratively. Corporation Counsel was directed to draw up a procedure for administrative handling of such requests. Comment was made that Section 8-30 of the City Code specifically cites those instances in which approval from the Mayor and Council is required; it was noted that two permits will be required for this particular function: one to close off the street and another for music amplification.
2. Police regulations. Corporation Counsel stated the matter is one of policy, subject to wishes of the Mayor and Council; however, the role and/or authority of Mayor and Council, City Administrator, and Chief of Police should be clarified, approval required specifically designated (perhaps dividing regulations into specific areas). Councilmember Bradley suggested review by Mayor and Council on a 30-day basis; Councilmember D'Ovidio suggested review and approval by the City Administrator be required. Following discussion, it was decided the City Administrator and Corporation Counsel will meet and work out procedures; proposal stating specific responsibilities will be presented to Mayor and Council for approval, proposal to include provision for veto power.
3. Discussion of Farmers' Market. Paul Mok described the proposed program and how both growers and non-growers might be accommodated. Corporation Counsel stated rules would have to be developed, applied uniformly, and enforced by the City. If licensing is involved, that should also be a City function. The area where selling occurs will have to be specified, space assignments developed; who collects fees and who approves applications designated. The question arose of blocking off the entire street in the event the market grows; Councilmember D'Ovidio thought size of the operation should be limited as enlargement would require more staff involvement. Additional needs cited were an evaluation period for the open air market, checking ordinances concerning peddlers, etc., a time frame for application to be made by open air market sellers; statement should be included in applicable ordinance and/or registration forms that sellers are responsible for complying with all county and state laws. Decision was made that an ordinance addressing farmers and open air markets would be drafted for presentation at the next regular Council Meeting; authority for drafting rules for the farmers' market would be given staff, rules to be subject to approval of the Mayor and Council.
4. Budget worksession: Public Works Streets, Repair Shop, Office. Decision was made that a special meeting would be held Wednesday, May 16, at 8:00 p.m.; Councilmembers are to submit their concerns by Monday, May 14, those concerns will be discussed at the special meeting.
5. Fire service tax update. Corporation Counsel spoke of the need to retain the fire station at its present location; said the county cannot legally freeze rebate funds; suggested use of this issue as leverage for unification. Pointed out that Article 81 of the State Code forbids a special tax without state authority; however, the county can have separate fire tax districts. Comments were made concerning the need to meet with County Executive Gilchrist, obtain the pertinent figures and show Montgomery County

why they should pursue the issue with Prince George's County directly. Decision was made that an attempt would be made to arrange a meeting between Mr. Gilchrist and appropriate City officials for Wednesday morning, May 9.

6. Montgomery County CDBG proposal. Councilmember D'Ovidio spoke; said Rockville received approximately double what they had proposed; Gaithersburg less than proposed; Councilmember Aldrighetti suggested the City starting a landbank with CDBG funds; Councilmember D'Ovidio remarked that input on that idea could be solicited from pertinent citizens' committees.
7. Street name change: Lee Avenue to Mitchell Avenue. Councilmember Williams spoke on the reasons for and background of the proposed change; said the petition favoring the change was signed by 55 residents. Councilmembers Iddings and D'Ovidio commented on having received complaints concerning the proposed change from constituents.
8. Plans for TOT canopies. Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins recommended tabling the matter until a later date as sources of funding are not presently clear. Suggestion was made that Citizens Bank be contacted, ascertain whether they might participate in light of the state of disrepair of their canopy. Councilmember Iddings did not think the City should expend anything over \$2,000.
9. Discussion of resolution on agreement on development on Holton Lane. Beverly Habada stated that Mayor Abbott had asked her to investigate MICRF funding for the proposed Holton Lane development, a \$300,000 project. Concerns were expressed regarding any cost to the City; all costs will be passed on to the developer, Mr. Norton. Ms. Habada stated CDBG funds could be used for the 10% the City would have to put up to procure MICRF funding for the project. Decision was made that a proposed Ordinance would be written for presentation at the 5/14/84 Council Meeting, authorizing a mini-contract for performance of technical services, including a marketing study, with the objective of application to MICRF for funding.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

T H E C I T Y O F T A K O M A P A R K , M A R Y L A N D

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
and  
Public Hearing on Proposed Use of Revenue Sharing Funds  
Public Hearing on Intent to Exceed Constant Yield Tax

May 14, 1984

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Abbott

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Aldrighetti  
Councilmember Bradley  
Councilmember Dalmat  
Councilmember D'Ovidio  
Councilmember Haney  
Councilmember Iddings  
Councilmember Williams

PLEDGE

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 1984

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation naming May 13-19, 1984 as Preservation Week
2. Other presentations and comments

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTATION BY ROBERT HACKEN, CONSULTANT, ON REVENUES TO CITY FROM MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES

GENERAL CITIZENS' REMARKS (those not directed at items for Council action)

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Wilson

1. Communications
2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action:
  - (1) Administrative reports
  - (2) Public hearing on proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds  
Citizens' comments
  - (3) Public hearing on intent to exceed State-imposed Constant Yield Tax Rate  
Citizens' comments
  - (4) First reading of an ordinance establishing Takoma Park Education Advisory Committee as a standing committee of the Council  
Citizens' comments  
First reading
  - (5) Proposed rules for operation of the Farmers Market  
Citizens' comments  
Council consideration
  - (6) First reading of a proposed ordinance amending the City Code to provide for open air markets, setting registration fees, etc.  
Citizens' comments  
First reading
  - (7) Proposed ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City an application to the Maryland Industrial Commercial Redevelopment Loan Fund (MICRF) submitted for the construction of a commercial property on Holton Lane  
Citizens' comments  
Council action
  - (8) Proposed resolution establishing Takoma Park Library Planning Committee  
Citizens' comments  
Council action
  - (9) Appointment of members to Takoma Park Library Planning Committee

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MAY 14, 1984

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Abbott	City Administrator Wilson
Councilmember Aldrighetti	Acting Asst. City Admin. Robbins
Councilmember Bradley	City Clerk Pusti
Councilmember Dalmat	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilmember D'Ovidio	Corporation Counsel Gagliardo
Councilmember Haney	Asst. Corp. Counsel DeNovo
Councilmember Iddings	
EXCUSED: Councilmember Williams	

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, met on May 14, 1984, at 8:10 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge, a motion was made, duly seconded, and passed unanimously, that the Council Minutes of April 23, 1984, be approved.

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Preservation Week Proclamation.

Upon request, Councilmember Haney read a Proclamation designating May 13-19, 1984, as Preservation Week and asking the citizens of the city to recognize and participate in its observance.

2. Information on City/County discussion of Fire Tax issue.

Mayor Abbott related that two weeks prior, the Montgomery County Council voted to withhold payment on the tax differential which they call "revenue sharing" (negotiated amount reimbursed to the City for services such as police, refuse removal, etc., taxed for but not provided by the county); said every other municipality received its agreed-upon amount.

Councilmember D'Ovidio spoke on a meeting that took place at 8:00 a.m., May 9, with County Executive Gilchrist and City officials and staff; said the discussion centered around resolution of the fire tax issue and related problems. Explained that Prince George's has owed Montgomery County reimbursement for fire service on the P. G. side of the city since 1977 (accumulated amount could be as high as \$200,000 per year); Montgomery County could only recoup a percentage based upon the Statute of Limitations. As a result of the meeting, City was promised it would not be liable for imposing the fire tax on the Prince George's sector for at least another year; said the City does not wish to be "in the middle" on this issue.

Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins stated that amounts to be rebated to municipalities are based on formulae established by county and state law; said at the County Council meeting, Council was insistent that the City assume the burden of taxing for fire service in the P. G. portion of the city; were of the opinion that the City had been so advised over a year ago, however, first mention the City is aware of was January 1984. The City's position was reiterated that the money could not legally be withheld and such a move would be strongly opposed; the City could not be held liable for imposing the fire tax, thus enforcing a 1974 agreement between the counties. A motion was passed with 1 abstention (Esther Gelman) that if the City did not participate in resolution of the problem, rebate monies would be frozen; Mayor Abbott's response was that the City would do whatever it is legally obliged to do to aid in resolving the problem; just prior to adjournment of the meeting, rebate of the subject monies was approved. Councilmember Bradley remarked that the Mayor and others had returned to Takoma Park after the 8:00 a.m. meeting with the County Executive to prepare for the 1:30 p.m. County Council Meeting; she happened to be in the building in Rockville where the meeting was scheduled and, upon calling the City office, learned the meeting had been moved up and she was requested to attend and ask that the fire tax issue be delayed on the agenda, otherwise, the City might have been without representation; complimented the Mayor, Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins, Councilmember D'Ovidio and Corporation Counsel on their representation at the County Council Meeting.

Corporation Counsel noted that Anne DeNovo was also present at the

meeting with the County Executive; said the culprit in the whole affair is the P. G. County Executive, who has abrogated the 1974 agreement between the counties; tax paid for fire service by residents in the P. G. section of the city has been retained by the county; thought Parris Glendening should be brought to task on the issue. Noted that County Councilmembers Crenca, Fosler and Potter apparently understood the situation and vigorously defended the City's position. Outlined suggested options provided to City Council: 1) enforcement of the 1974 agreement between the counties (for at least the period of time services were clearly provided); 2) entry into a new agreement leaving it to the counties to formulate a plan; 3) City act as an intermediary and create a special fire tax district, collecting fire taxes and rebating to the county. In response to query regarding option #1, stated the City has no legal standing to institute a lawsuit, not being a party to the contract; could only encourage Montgomery County to file suit, or, for the third party beneficiaries of the contract to bring the suit (the citizens who were to be protected by the contract); said the City has only a moral commitment to put forth an effort toward aiding resolution of the issue. As an aside, said the only other area where fire service is provided by Montgomery County outside its boundaries is to sections of Frederick County (did not know what the arrangements were between the counties in that instance). Councilmember Iddings cited instances wherein the City had approached both counties in efforts to resolve the issue equitably; expressed concern regarding the county using their control over the purse strings as a threat, did not think that should be permitted to continue. Councilmember Bradley spoke; said when the possibility of the county freezing rebate funds to the City was first mentioned, Montgomery County MML Chapter President was requested and authorized to send a letter in the name of the Chapter stating that this action would be inappropriate on the part of the County Council and contrary to the intent and principle of the law. Corporation Counsel stated it was his understanding that when Mr. Glendening was running for office he pledged to keep the fire station in Takoma Park open and to make and increase payments therefor. Mayor Abbott summarized the discussion; pointed out there are 2 issues involved - the withholding of rebate money from the City by Montgomery County and the Fire Tax situation; reiterated the fact that Montgomery County did not bill Prince George's for the monies owed; said if the threat of moving the fire station did not exist, the City could disassociate itself and let the counties settle the issue; objected to nomenclature used by the county - "revenue sharing" - when those funds are in effect wrongly taken and state law mandates that through City/County negotiation an equitable rebate figure must be reached; by the close of the meeting with County Council a number of them were referring to "tax differential money," so that point must have been gotten across, at least in part. County Council was advised they could not withhold those funds and the City would resort to litigation, if necessary, should such an attempt be made. Spoke on fire tax districts and basis for assessment rate; what Montgomery County would like is for the entire city to be made one fire tax district, the City to collect the tax and rebate it to the county; Mr. Kendall of County Executive Gilchrist's staff stated legislation would likely be required to amend the fire tax district, thus a change could not be implemented this fiscal year (the Mayor expressed objection to the proposed change). Said the sole justification for the City ever agreeably assuming this role would be in order to retain the fire station; in-depth discussions and consideration should be afforded this issue during the upcoming year.

PRESENTATION BY ROBERT HACKEN, CONSULTANT, ON REVENUES TO CITY FROM MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES.

Mr. Hacken commented that findings were discussed in some detail at a worksession last month; 15 recommendations have been made in the formal report furnished; said any questionable figures (due to budget revisions, etc.) would not affect the validity of the report. Mr. Hacken and John Short alternated speaking, covered the following points: State Shared Revenues: Includes 8 taxes, but 3 (Highways, Income and Police) represent 95% of the total amount received from the state; are not growth taxes with the possible exception of income tax, which is moderate growth.

Montgomery County Programs. A history of the payment for duplicated services (referred to by the county as "revenue sharing") was given; said this program came into being due to urgings of municipalities in the 1970's; meetings were set up with the County Executive on a monthly basis, a study was prepared; the program commenced in a limited way in 1974, has been amended over the years.

Tax Differential. Said in early years, many municipalities advocated tax differential rather than the "payment in lieu" that came to be; some people thought the tax differential could become too complicated (Mr. Short agreed with that concern due to the number of tax differentials in the county).

Remarked that sections in the County Code dealing with Police and Library services are very explicit as to what should be reimbursed; payments for roads and libraries go back a long time (40-50 years); park maintenance is a fairly recent addition; pleased to see "Crossing Guards" and "Code Enforcement" finally included. Commented most pertinent components are now included by Montgomery County; however, the formula should be scrutinized yearly as miscalculations can occur.

Prince George's County Tax Differential.

Mr. Hacken spoke at length; pointed out that there is a sharp contrast between the approach of the two counties; for many years, Prince George's agreed only to rebate for street lights and it was never a full payment; this changed with the passage of 2 bills - in 1977 and 1981 (providing payments to municipalities of a maximum sum equal to 9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation). In 1983, the tax rebate plan was superseded by the tax differential program, reducing property tax rates to individuals living in incorporated municipalities in the county (directly benefiting the property owner, reducing rebates to municipalities); the only way the City can recoup this loss of revenue is through adjustment of the City tax rate. Said this bill is a very complex piece of legislation using involved formulae for calculations; will be phased in over a two-year period.

At the request of the Mayor, explained rebates for various services, including formulae used for calculations, under Montgomery County's tax differential program. Commented that the county is unwilling to admit that they have made an error in calculations for "Libraries" (have so stated in a letter received by the City); the City can legally recoup for 3 prior years (a total amounting to possibly \$80-90,000.); consultants were unable to obtain the county's worksheets, but said the City should be able to. Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins stated that the county worksheets would be obtained for purposes of analysis; copies to be provided to Mayor and Council, as well as copy of the brief letter of dissent received this date from the county.

Takoma Park Budget.

Commented on the percentage range for sources of revenue to the City, local taxes comprising 52-56%. Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins mentioned an error in a previously distributed worksheet depicting proposed 1985 tax rates for residents of the Montgomery and P. G. sections of the City (state, WSSC and MNCPPC figures were not included, amounting to a difference of \$.70 in P. G. figures).

FY 1985.

Stated the latest proposed budget has taken into account problems cited in the consultants' report regarding depleting surplus funds, no foreseeable increase in the assessable tax base, employee retirement liability and new program commitments. Reiterated recommendation made previously that the City pursue the passage of state legislation permitting any bi-county municipality to establish separate tax rates for the different areas; commented that Takoma Park is the only municipality in the state that would meet that criteria. Suggested gathering support for such a bill from Maryland Municipal League.

Recommendations.

Recommendations were presented and discussed in their order of importance and timeliness, included:

- 1) Providing no tax credit to property owners in the P. G. section (at variance with recommendation of Corporation Counsel);
- 2) Limiting tax credit to Montgomery residents to no more than 1/3 of the \$.58 estimated as required to approach parity in FY 1985, and endeavor to spread further credits over 2-3 years to achieve

- relative parity;
- 3) Incorporation in FY 1985 budget of sufficient funds to provide minimum of \$125,00 of the anticipated FY 1986 shortfall;
  - 4) Pursuit of recouping underpayment sums due from Montgomery County for library services from FY 1981-FY 1984;
  - 5) Researching Montgomery County expenditures for police aimed at possibly justifying increased reimbursement;
  - 6) Requesting P. G. County to furnish the City by December 1 each year the detailed data supporting calculations they have made for Part I of the differential (permitting the City to negotiate prior to the December 15 deadline or, negotiations failing, providing a basis for consideration by the Advisory Arbitration panel);
  - 7) Pursuing creation of separate taxing districts for the City through state legislation;
  - 8) Increasing user and service fees; expanding business license fees to areas not now covered, e.g., apartment property, vending machines, laundry machines, etc.;
  - 9) Verifying assessable base figures with State Dept. of Assessments and Taxation, as well as both counties, to ensure use of correct figures by the City;
  - 10) Procuring the formulae used for computations from both counties each year;
  - 11) Attempting to ensure that payments to the City from the counties are received prior to January 1 each year, or in not more than 2 payments, enabling the City to improve its cash flow through interest paid on investment of these funds;
  - 12) Requesting Montgomery County to make payment for library services (as required by the County Code) as soon as possible after the beginning of the fiscal year;
  - 13) Changing revenue detail in future budgets, placing all State-shared revenues listed in the Handbook for Maryland Municipal Officials under the heading "Taxes - State-Shared", separating the total to show the county source, thus clarifying what is received from whom;
  - 14) Indicating revenue from the federal government under a separate caption in the budget, facilitating identification;
  - 15) Establishing a capital improvement program projecting, ideally, 3 years and including a financing plan (in effect, creating a reserve fund). Placement of this item does not reflect its importance; however, due to timing, cannot be included as a part of the current proposed budget.

Appreciation was expressed from the consultants to staff for their unflinching assistance and cooperation on this project. Mayor Abbott thanked both Mr. Hacken and Mr. Short; said their presentation amounted to an intensive short course in understanding the City's financial complexities and provided a background for making difficult political decisions which will have to be made. Comment was made that a copy of the report is available for citizens' perusal at the Library, with individual copies to be provided upon request.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

1. Communications.

City Administrator Wilson announced that Economic Development Coordinator Paul Mok's resignation had been received, effective June 1st. The Mayor commented that the matter of that particular position in the organizational table of the City could be discussed at the meeting of the Council ~~February~~<sup>May</sup> 16; Mr. Wilson stated he would be presenting some alternative organizational structures for consideration at that time; said Mr. Mok had received an offer from a private architectural firm that he found impossible to refuse, allowing professional advancement and expansion.

2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action:

- (1) Public hearing on proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.



Mayor Abbott commented that a hearing had been held and suggestions received. Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins spoke; identified proposed items selected for use of the funds; said \$120,000 is anticipated amount. In response to query, Mr. Robbins stated 2 citizens' requests were made - provision for preservation of historical records and bike paths; preservation of records was included in the proposed budget, bike paths was not.

(2) Public hearing on intent to exceed State-imposed Constant Yield Tax Rate.

Mayor Abbott commented the hearing was advertised in two newspapers, as required by law. Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins explained that the assessable base increases each year by a certain percentage and, based on the current adopted tax rate, will provide additional revenues over and above the preceding fiscal year. Pointed out the Constant Yield Tax Rate for P. G. County is \$1.34, Montgomery County, \$1.43; with the tax differential situation, it will probably be necessary for the City to exceed the Constant Yield Tax Rate (going up from \$1.50); comment was made that this is a yearly process.

(3) First reading of an ordinance establishing Takoma Park Education Advisory Committee as a standing committee of the Council.

Councilmember Bradley presented and spoke on the ordinance; said its goal is to provide ongoing involvement and representation in the education process, rather than merely "firefighting" when issues arise; explained structure of the proposed committee and that it is an outgrowth of the "Save Our Community Schools" Committee that fought to keep the junior high open and a related ad hoc committee; made a motion that the ordinance be accepted for first reading. Councilmember Dalmat offered an amendment to include "Ridge Crest Elementary" under Prince George's Elementary Schools {Section 4.(A)2.}. Ordinance was accepted for first reading.

Proposed Ordinance  
(attached)

(4) Proposed rules for operation of the Farmers Market.

Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins remarked on meeting Paul Plant in the hallway; he pointed out certain concerns and will be providing suggestions which may precipitate modification to the rules. A motion to adopt the rules with an amendment changing Section III from "Registration Fee" to "Rental Fee" and effecting all necessary editorial changes to conform to the new designation was made by Councilmember Bradley, duly seconded by Councilmember D'Ovidio. Motion passed 4-2 with Councilmembers Dalmat and Iddings voting Nay. Councilmembers Dalmat and Iddings wished it clarified for the record that they support the Farmers Market, but not the amendment to wording of the rules.

Rules for Takoma Park Farmers Market  
(attached)

(5) Proposed ordinance amending the City Code to provide for open air markets, setting registration fees, etc.

The ordinance was presented by the Mayor; motion to accept for first reading made, duly seconded, and passed.

Proposed Ordinance  
(attached)

(6) Proposed ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to sign on behalf of the City a mini-contract with objective of applying to the Maryland Industrial Commercial Redevelopment Loan Fund (MICRF). (Being submitted for the construction of a commercial property on Holton Lane).

City Administrator Wilson explained that the ordinance authorizes entry into a contract for performance of certain technical services outlined in the ordinance relative to sizeable commercial development proposed on Holton Lane. City Administrator Wilson commented on a lengthy meeting he had with the developer; said items already accomplished were discussed, as well as developer/MICRF funding and reimbursement to the City of up front expenses such as the \$900. cited in the proposed ordinance. Mayor Abbott spoke on Beverly Habada's (named in the ordinance) credentials and favorable success rate with procuring MICRF funding. Councilmember Iddings expressed concerns about the City not having available funds for the contract and the freeze on capital expenditures; wondered if Prince George's County had been approached about providing the needed money (response was negative). In response to query, Mr. Wilson stated the total expenditure for the proposed development was expected to be \$300,000; a 5,970 square foot structure will be built, with the intention of having at least three lessees; at the present point in time, the single most important item to be accomplished is the marketing study. Councilmember Bradley reiterated statements made by Councilmember Haney that the subject area has been undeveloped for a period of time and is one of the few remaining commercial areas requiring attention from the Council; urged that Council move forward on this matter, provided the required \$900 in funding can be furnished. Councilmember Haney moved adoption of the ordinance, duly seconded by Councilmember Bradley. Councilmember Aldrighetti expressed his support. Ordinance #2720 was adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Aldrighetti, Bradley, Dalmat, D'Ovidio, Haney; NAY: None; ABSTAINED: Councilmember Iddings; EXCUSED: Councilmember Williams.

Ordinance No. 2720  
(attached)

(7) Proposed resolution establishing Takoma Park Library Planning Committee; appointment of members.

Councilmember Bradley explained the resolution in effect formalizes a committee that has been functional for some time; will assist in development of a reasonable set of goals, as well as identifying strategies and resources required to develop the library services the citizens want. Library Director Spottswood spoke briefly; commented the group had been meeting since October. Members of the committee were identified as follows: John Bowers, Andy Cincotta, Dorothea J. Crook, Bonnie Jo Dopp, Sarah Fisher, Sandy Nakamura, and Library Director Ellen Spottswood. A motion was made, duly seconded, and accepted unanimously that the resolution be passed.

Resolution  
(attached)

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Tuesday, May 29, 1984, at 8:00 p.m.

FY-1985 PROPOSED USE OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

ADMINISTRATION

City-Wide Office Automation \$ 30,000

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dispatcher's Recording Tapes 360  
Two Police Cruisers 19,600  
Medium Copier (to take burden off of  
Canon Copier) 5,000

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sign Machine 5,700  
One-ton Dump Truck 13,500  
Trash Truck 1/3 33,000

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Van - 15 passenger 12,825

\$119,985

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS: Preservation and rehabilitation have contributed to the economic and social well-being of our cities, towns and communities by increasing the tax bases, decreasing crime and creating solid investment opportunities in historic districts and neighborhoods; AND,

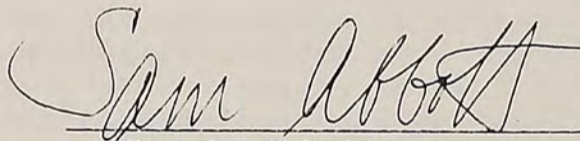
WHEREAS: Preservation increases the value of the public's investment in historic public and private buildings, streets, sidewalks and parks, and affords basic shelter requirements to vast numbers of low- and moderate-income households; AND,

WHEREAS: Preservation makes good financial sense through the rehabilitation and reuse of well constructed historic buildings and improves them, thereby prolonging their years in service; AND,

WHEREAS: PRESERVATION IS TAKING CARE OF AMERICA is the theme for Preservation Week 1984, cosponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the local preservation and neighborhood organizations in this city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam A. Abbott, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, do hereby proclaim May 13-19, 1984, as Preservation Week and call upon the people of Takoma Park to recognize and participate in this special observance.

May 14, 1984

  
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Sam A. Abbott  
Mayor



Proposed Ordinance: Education

WHEREAS, the citizens and City Government of Takoma Park possess a deep and abiding concern for the educational and personal well-being of the children and young people of Takoma Park; AND,

WHEREAS, the public schools are an important and integral part of our society, the concept of a free and equal education is an American tradition and this country's strength, the students of today are the leaders of tomorrow, and all citizens have a responsibility to public schools; AND,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council support the strengthening, upgrading, and improvement of the public school system, including the academic and community school resources that together constitute quality of education for the children and residents of the greater Takoma Park community; AND,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Takoma Park and their City Government are directly affected by the policies and programs of the Boards of Education in both Montgomery and Prince George's Counties; AND,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to continue an active role, and effectively communicate with the Montgomery County Board of Education and the Prince George's County Board of Education, and to continue to maintain a Takoma Park presence that represents City interests before both Boards of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park do hereby establish the Takoma Park Public Education Advisory Committee.

Section 1. Establishment of a Takoma Park Public Education Advisory Committee.

There is hereby established a Takoma Park Public Education Advisory Committee (PEAC) which shall be a standing committee of the Council.

Section 2. Objectives.

The objectives of the Takoma Park Public Education Advisory Committee are:

- (A) To support, maintain, and strengthen educational facilities and resources and to support and improve

the quality of education offered in our local public schools;

- (B) To maintain communication and rapport with the staff, responsible school officials, and parent-staff advisory boards within our local public schools;
- (C) To inform and educate the Takoma Park community on school and public education issues;
- (D) To keep the Mayor and City Council informed of current and long range Boards of Education, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Committee (MNCPPC), and County Council policies and programs which may affect the Takoma Park community.
- (E) To represent the City of Takoma Park, maintain a continuing dialogue, and create a Takoma Park presence before the Boards of Education in both counties, the State Board of Education, MNCPPC, both County Councils, and other appropriate forums;
- (F) To monitor the activities of the Federal government as to the effect on state and local educational policies.
- (G) To establish communication with similar municipal education committees.
- (H) To actively seek representation on appropriate advisory boards appointed by school authorities and Boards of Education in both counties.

### Section 3. Scope of Activities.

The Takoma Park Public Education Advisory Committee shall review current and long range policies and programs including but not limited to:

1. Educational programs and quality education resources
2. School boundaries and "clusters"
3. Transfer policy and magnet schools
4. Racial balances in the schools
5. Community-school programs and community use of school facilities and resources
6. Change in school facility use and condition
7. Grade re-organizations
8. Fair share of state/county funding, block grants and similar federal/state aid, and other sources of funds.

### Section 4. Organization of Committee.

- (A) The Mayor shall appoint 15 members of the Committee, who shall represent a cross-section of educational interests, according to the following criteria:

1. Two co-chairs, one from Montgomery County and one from Prince George's County, who shall chair respective sub-committees focusing on particular county issues.
  2. Representatives drawn from the diverse populations of Takoma Park, reflecting interest in the designated elementary, middle, junior and senior high schools, and community and adult education programs. Designated schools are those to which Takoma Park students are currently assigned:
    - a) Prince George's County: Carole Highlands, Nicholas Orem, High Point, Northwestern.
    - b) Montgomery County: Takoma Park Elementary School, Piney Branch, Rolling Terrance, Takoma Park Junior High Community School, Montgomery Blair.
  3. At least two City Council representatives.
  4. At least two at-large members, which can include parents who have children in related cluster schools such as East Silver Spring, Oakview, Highland View, Pinecrest, etc.
- (B) All members shall be residents of Takoma Park unless exempted by the Mayor.
- (C) The majority of members shall have children in the Takoma Park public schools.
- (D) Terms of appointment shall be rotating three-year terms, starting with arbitrarily made 3, 2, and 1-year designations.
- (E) Nominations shall be invited from citizen associations, appropriate PTAs, and other public school-related committees/groups in the City as well as by open invitation in the Takoma Park Newsletter.

Section 5. Subcommittees.

- (A) The co-chairs shall be responsible for calling regular meetings of the committee and its sub-committees, making reports to the Mayor and Council, and providing regular meeting notices and reports for publication in the Takoma Park Newsletter.
- (B) Meetings must be adequately publicized and open to the public.
- (C) Meeting shall be called "at least every two months".
- (D) The co-chairs shall also be responsible for coordinating statements and testimony from the Takoma Park Public Education Advisory Committee for the City and insuring that such statements are consistent with City policies.
- (E) The Committee may testify before both County Boards of Education, the Maryland State Board of Education, the MNCPPC, both County Councils and other appropriate forums, as long as its testimony reflects appropriate policies of the Takoma Park City Council.
- (F) The City Administrator shall provide staff support as necessary.



## CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MD.

RULES FOR TAKOMA PARK FARMERS MARKET

## I. Eligibility

- A. All persons who actually grow the produce that they intend to sell in the Farmers Market
- B. All persons who actually produce the baked goods, jams and honey that they intend to sell in the Farmers Market

## II. General Rules

- A. All persons intending to sell in the Farmers Market must file for an application with the City Administrator or his designee verifying that they are the actual grower of the produce, or the maker of the baked goods, jams and honey. Professional farmers must submit a copy of the verification form from their Cooperative Extension agent with their application form. Takoma Park residents must allow the City Administrator or his designee to inspect the area where their produce are grown.
- B. All persons intending to sell in the Farmers Market must comply with the sanitary rules and regulations imposed by the Montgomery County Health Department; and are responsible for obtaining whatever license and/or permit necessary to comply with County, State and Federal rules and regulations.
- C. All persons intending to sell in the Farmers Market must pay a rental fee to the City no later than one week prior to the selling date. An approved application will be issued by the City upon the receipt of such fee.
- D. The Farmers Market will operate on the northside of Laurel Avenue, along the side of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Specific locations will be assigned to the sellers with priority to long-term participants by the City. The sellers are expected to pick up the barricades for blocking the street from traffic and returning them to where they were found.
- E. The Farmers Market will operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., every Sunday from May 13, 1984 till Thanksgiving, 1984.
- F. All sellers must be responsible for the cleanliness of their selling area. The City expects the market area reasonably free of any debris generated by the activity after the market closes.
- G. Any complaint against any grower or producer regarding the origination of their produce/goods must be directed to the attention of the City in writing.
- H. The City reserves the right to withdraw any rental space previously assigned or to be assigned to any seller when/if the City finds the seller or prospective seller in violation of any of the rules aforementioned.

## III. Rental Fee

- A. Produce-Grower who intends to sell for the entire season
  - a) professional grower: \$250.00
  - b) Takoma Park resident: \$125.00
- B. Produce-Grower who intends to sell for only part of the season
  - a) professional grower: \$40. per month; or \$10. each time
  - b) Takoma Park resident: \$15. per month; or \$4. each time
- C. Producer of baked goods, honey and jam who intends to sell for the entire season
  - a) professional producer: \$150.00
  - b) Takoma Park resident: \$125.00

D. Producer of baked goods, honey and jams who intends to sell for only part of the season

- a) professional producer: \$25. per month; or \$6. each time
- b) Takoma Park resident: \$15. per month; or \$4. each time

IV. The City reserves the right to revise the General Rules as well as the Rental Fees as the Mayor and City Council deem necessary.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MAY 14, 1984.

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, Md. 20912

TAKOMA PARK FARMERS MARKET APPLICATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL.#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF THE FARM (IF applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE WHERE THE PRODUCE/GOODS IS GROWN/PRODUCED: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPES OF PRODUCE/GOODS TO BE SOLD: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED SELLING DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENT'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENT'S TEL.#: \_\_\_\_\_ VERIFICATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY'S INSPECTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge that I am the actual grower/producer of the produce/goods that I intend to sell in the Takoma Park Farmers Market. I have read the rules specified by the City, and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I or anyone representing me fail to so abide, the City can revoke my rental privileges. I also understand that these rules may be revised by the City, and I must abide by the rules in order to continue my participation in the Farmers Market.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature Date

RENTAL FEE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

FEE PAID IN FULL ON (date): \_\_\_\_\_

FEE RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION APPROVED ON: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE FOLLOWING DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator or Designee

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City has been approached with proposals to operate a farmers market, with a successful operation having been conducted in Takoma Old Town during the 1983 season by non-resident farmers selling their own produce; AND

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council that certain inequities exist in that no permit or license fees are required for produce growers who market their own products, while both a City permit and a County license must be obtained by residents who market produce not grown by the seller;

WHEREAS, in order to remedy inequities of the type described above, and to partially cover expenditures in time by City employees, the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to amend the City Code to set a registration fee for sellers of produce and other goods in markets, distinguishing among resident growers/professional growers and those who market produce and other goods not grown by the seller.

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

SECTION 1. THAT Chapter 4, entitled "Businesses," of the Code of Takoma Park, Md., 1972, as amended, be further amended by the addition of a new Article 4A, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4A. OPEN AIR MARKETS

Sec. 4A-1. Definitions.

(a) As used in this Article:

(1) Produce grower shall include all persons who grow the produce they intend to sell in a market

A. Professional grower shall include all persons who are produce growers but are non-residents of the City.

B. Takoma Park resident shall include all persons who are produce growers and residents of the City.

(2) Producer of baked goods, honey, jam, or other goods shall include all producers of such goods who intend to sell in a market.

A. Professional producer shall include all producers of such goods who are non-residents of the City.

B. Takoma Park resident shall include all producers of such goods who are residents of the City.

(3) Vendors shall include marketers of produce and other goods not grown or produced by the seller who intend to sell in a market.

A. Professional vendor shall include those vendors who are not residents of the City

B. Takoma Park vendor shall include those vendors who are residents of the City.

(4) Open air market shall mean an area on the street and/or sidewalk which has been designated and approved by the City where two or more growers/producers or two or more vendors may sell their goods after having registered with the City as prescribed in this Article.

Sec. 4A-2. Registration required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell farm products, baked goods, honey, jam, or other permitted goods in an open air market on the streets or sidewalks of the City without having previously registered with the City Administrator or his designee.

Sec. 4A-3. Same -- fee; registration periods

For each registration required by the preceding section, every person shall pay the fee set forth below in accordance with the appropriate classification and time period:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Registration Fee:</u>		
	<u>May-November</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Day</u>
<u>Sale of produce:</u>			
Professional grower	\$250.00	\$40.00	\$10.00
Professional vendor			
Takoma Park resident grower	\$125.00	\$15.00	\$ 4.00
Takoma Park resident vendor			
<u>Sale of baked goods, honey, jam, &amp; other permitted goods:</u>			
Professional producer	\$150.00	\$25.00	\$ 6.00
Professional vendor			
Takoma Park resident producer	\$125.00	\$15.00	\$ 4.00
Takoma Park resident vendor			

Sec. 4A-4. Administrative regulations; application; statement; revocation of registration.

(a) The City Administrator or his designee shall issue rules and regulations for the administration of this article, which shall be approved by the Mayor and Council.

(b) Every applicant shall be required to present the necessary County licenses and permits, if they are required, at the time application is made for registration with the City.

(c) Every person requiring registration shall complete an application stating his name, address, type of produce or goods to be sold, proposed dates and location of sale, and any other information deemed necessary by the Mayor and Council.

(d) Every applicant shall sign a statement affirming the contents of the application, agreeing to abide by the rules governing the regulation of sales that are at that time in effect, and acknowledging that failure to do so shall be grounds for revocation of the registration.

4A-5. Conflict of laws.

The provisions of Sec. 4-25, Article 3, Chapter 4, of this Code are repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this article.

4A-6. Penalty

Failure to register as required in Sec. 4A-2 shall constitute a Municipal Infraction, the penalty for which shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.) for each initial violation and fifty dollars (\$50.) for each repeat or continuing violation. Each day for which a violation constitutes shall constitute a repeat violation.

4A-7. Enforcement.

The City Administrator or his designee and the Police Department shall be responsible for the enforcement of this article.

SECTION 2. THAT owing to the seasonal nature of the activities covered herein, this ordinance shall be considered an emergency and may be adopted on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2720

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

SECTION 1. Whereas the City requires the preparation of a Maryland Industrial Commercial Redevelopment Fund Loan (MICRF) application for a commercial development project in the 1300 block of Holton Lane in City of Takoma Park; AND

SECTION 2. THAT the Mayor and Council lacks sufficient in-house resources to develop the market study proposal which is required prior to making formal application;

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Ms. Beverly K. Habada to perform the following services:

1. Technical assistance proposal preparation (to MICRF) for a market study;
2. Preparation of Letter of Intent to MICRF
3. Pre-application conference with MICRF staff.

SECTION 4. THAT the fee for the performance of the above services shall be in the amount of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00).

SECTION 5. THAT since time is of the essence in the initiation of the proposal, this ordinance shall be adopted as an emergency measure.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MAY 14, 1984.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Library is a unique and valuable institution, established in 1935 by and for citizens of Takoma Park for the cultural and educational enrichment of the community; AND

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Library became a City department in 1963, becoming for the first time totally supported by revenue from tax dollars; AND

WHEREAS, to the extent possible, the Mayor and Council wish to provide those library services and resources desired by the community; AND

WHEREAS, toward that end, it is deemed desirable to establish a Library Planning Committee to assess the information needs of the community and to develop a plan for library service which will meet those needs and most effectively utilize available resources.

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

SECTION 1. That the Ad Hoc Takoma Park Library Planning Committee is hereby established, the membership of which shall be comprised of the Library Director and one other member of the Library staff, and at least five members of the community who shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council.

SECTION 2. The Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee shall be charged with developing a long-range plan for library service, and shall have the following responsibilities:

1. To assess information needs in the Takoma Park community.
2. To evaluate current library services and resources.
3. To determine the role of the library in the community.
4. To set goals and objectives and priorities.
5. To develop and evaluate strategies for change.
6. To provide to the Mayor and Council and the City Administrator recommendations for effectuating a long-range plan.

May 14, 1984.



May 18, 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: James S. Wilson, Jr., City Administrator

SUBJECT: Worksession, MONDAY, MAY 21, 7:30 PM

AGENDA

- (1) Charter Review (Bradley)
- (2) Variance Appeal - 7901 Cole Avenue - construction of car port on right side of house
- (3) Disability Compensation Extension Requests - Police Officers Murphy and Lucas
- (4) Budget Worksession for Administration, Library and Corporation Counsel Office
- (5) CDBG Proposal - Design Regarding Discretionary Funding (D'Ovidio)
- (6) Limited Equity Co-op Task Force (Iddings)
- (7) User Fees for Bulky Pick-ups (D'Ovidio)
- (8) Partners for Livable Places (Haney)

Mayor and Council Worksession

May 21, 1984

The Mayor and City Council met in worksession at 7:44 p.m., Monday, May 21, 1984, with the Mayor chairing. Present were: Mayor Abbott, Councilmembers Aldrighetti, Bradley, Dalmat, D'Ovidio, Haney, and Iddings; City Administrator Wilson, Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins, Corporation Counsel Gagliardo, Asst. Corporation Counsel DeNovo.

The following matters were discussed and acted upon as indicated:

1. Sister Fire Resolution. Decision was made that a resolution would be prepared supporting the upcoming two-day Sister Fire concert at Takoma Park Junior High; to be placed in the Wednesday package for Council consideration. Comment was made that Ivy Young is a representative, will be providing information on camp sites and other lodging for participants.
2. Charter Review. Councilmember Bradley proposed a program for commencing the process; including staff and corporation counsel investigating procedures for the review, with immediate attention being devoted to known defects. Comment was made that the process will likely take several years. There was discussion concerning the Tillie Frank issue and the fact that Council will have to devote attention thereto; however, no deadline exists for opting in with the county, if so desired. Councilmember Iddings raised the question of whether additional funding would be required related to Charter review, and, if so, provision should be made in the budget.
3. Variance Appeal - 7901 Cole Avenue - construction of car port on right side of house. Comment was made that a 7 foot variance is being requested; no objections have been received from neighboring property owners; decision was that the City will offer no opposition to the requested variance.
4. Disability compensation extension requests - Police Officers Murphy and Lucas. Corporation Counsel stated that a policy and consistent criteria should be developed addressing this matter. Comment was made that the criteria should take into consideration where the injury causing disability occurs in relation to requests for compensation extensions. Cost to the City from employee disabilities should be investigated; City Code should be amended to permit the City Administrator to require any employee to get a second medical opinion when disability is involved. City Administrator Wilson suggested tabling the issue until June 6, 1984; said both of the subject employees have sufficient leave to cover them through that date; Council concurred with tabling the matter, as suggested. Concerns were expressed regarding the amounts of annual leave employees are permitted to accrue.
5. Budget worksession for Administration, Library and Corporation Counsel Office. Upon request, Code 501 Fringe Benefits for Mayor and Council, was explained. Comment was made that next year, Code 500, Mayor and Council Salaries, should be increased by \$1,000/person. Code 510, Salaries - City Admin. & Staff, was discussed at length; a breakdown of personnel was requested for inclusion in the upcoming Wednesday packet; rate figure for 1/2 time employee was requested. Decision was made to discuss proposed administrative reorganization at the June 4 worksession. Comments were made concerning directing staff to investigate G.W.'s health insurance/hospitalization plan, and also possible procurement of Intern employees through Columbia Union College, V.P.I., and George Washington University. It was requested that Tom Williams be contacted and copies of the bid materials for the fire department communications system be procured (relative to Police communications system). Requests to staff for additional information were as follows: Code 531 - breakdown of Association Dues; Code 534 - date of contract expiration for word processor; Code 540 - supply job titles for employees in the division; Code 562 - ascertain how long current auditors have

worked for the City and whether Independent Auditing is a biddable item; provide a status report on tools in the Tool Library; double check whether stated interest on the Canon copier is correct; provide figures on Education and Training distribution and ascertain whether the City can recoup monies for training furnished to other police departments. In response to query, it was stated that under Code 530 - Newsletter, approximately 1/3 is expended on printing, 1/3 on distribution, and 1/2 on typesetting. Comments relative to the Library included contacting Rockville Library to prevent resource duplication except where necessary, suggestion that Library open on two mornings per week - Tuesday and Thursday; Library should have facilities for visually and hearing handicapped persons. Cable TV Commission was discussed; comment was made that a job description is needed for the proposed staff position. Suggestion was made that David Saumweber (334-2419), an archivist, be contacted regarding historic preservation of City records.

6. CDBG Proposal - Design Regarding Discretionary Funding. Councilmember D'Ovidio explained that under the new system, a citizens' committee would be appointed by County Executive Gilchrist; municipalities would be allocated a lump sum to use as they wish, would have a choice of going with the new system or remaining with the former block grant process. Councilmember D'Ovidio supported remaining with the prior process; that option was supported by Council.
7. Limited Equity Co-op Task Force. Following presentation by Councilmember Iddings, decision was that Council would review the proposal; Councilmember Bradley thought she should be involved due to Between the Creeks area being her constituency.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

T H E C I T Y O F T A K O M A P A R K , M A R Y L A N D

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
and  
Public Hearings on FY-85 Budgets--Public Works, Library,  
Administration, Capital Improvements Program

May 29, 1984

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Abbott

ROLL CALL: Councilmember Aldrighetti  
Councilmember Bradley  
Councilmember Dalnat  
Councilmember D'Ovidio  
Councilmember Haney  
Councilmember Iddings  
Councilmember Williams

PLEDGE

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 14, 1984

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Resolution in Support of the "Sisterfire" Concert, June 23-24, 1984
2. Other presentations and comments

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

GENERAL CITIZENS' REMARKS (those not directed at items for Council action)

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Wilson

1. Communications
2. Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action
  - (1) Administrative reports
    - Announcement of Council decision on Appeal 7200, construction of carport on side of dwelling at 7901 Cole Avenue requiring 8' side yard variance
    - Report on P. G. County Zoning Hearing Examiner's decision on Special Exception 3447 and ERR-55, 7403 Garland Avenue pursuant to continued operation of 4-unit multi-family dwelling in R-55 zone (Corporation Counsel)
  - (2) Second reading of an ordinance establishing Takoma Park Education Advisory Committee as a standing committee of the Council
    - Citizens' comments
    - Council action
  - (3) Public Hearing on proposed FY-85 Budget for Public Works
    - Citizens' comments
  - (4) Public Hearing on proposed FY-85 Budget for Library
    - Citizens' comments
  - (5) Public Hearing on proposed FY-85 Budget for Administration
    - Citizens' comments
  - (6) Public Hearing on FY-85 Capital Improvements Program
    - Citizens' comments
  - (7) First reading of an ordinance authorizing installation of a stop sign on University Boulevard service drive at Anne St.
    - Citizens' comments
    - First reading

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Mayor and Council will hold public hearings on the following topics at 8:00 P.M., Monday, June 4: FY-85 Tax Rate; FY-85 Pay Plan; Amendment to FY-84 budgeted Federal Revenue Sharing Plan

Pre-Council 7:00 P.M. - COLTA Interviews

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
MAY 29, 1984

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem D'Ovidio	City Administrator Wilson
Councilmember Aldrighetti	Acting Asst. City Admin. Robbins
Councilmember Dalmat	City Clerk Pusti
Councilmember Haney	Housing Services Director Tyree
Councilmember Iddings	Library Director Spottswood
EXCUSED: Mayor Abbott	Police Chief Fisher
Councilmember Bradley	Corporation Counsel Gagliardo
Councilmember Williams	

The Mayor and City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland, met on May 29, 1984, at 8:15 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the pledge, the Council Minutes of May 14, 1984, were presented for approval; Councilmember Iddings proposed two amendments: page 1, paragraph two, item 2., strike phrase "..., City was promised it would not be liable for imposing the fire tax on the Prince George's sector for at least another year;..." and page 5, item (2), Constant Yield Tax Rate figures for the 2 counties are reversed; P. G. County should read \$1.43, Montgomery County \$1.34. Amendments were accepted, Minutes approved unanimously as amended.

MAYOR ABBOTT'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Resolution in Support of the "Sisterfire" Concert, June 23-24, 1984. Councilmember Dalmat read the resolution; a motion was made by Councilmember Iddings, duly seconded by Councilmember Dalmat, unanimously approved, passing the resolution. Amy Horwitz, Director of "Roadwork," expressed thanks and urged all to attend the concert.
2. Other presentations and comments. Councilmember Haney noted, for the record, receipt of a letter from a constituent addressed to parents of children attending Carole Highlands Elementary, noting the elimination next year of 2 staff positions at that school and a county-wide threat of possible elimination of music and physical education programs in all the P. G. County schools next year. Said a letter will be prepared for the Mayor's signature supporting the county executive's proposal for an increased property transfer tax, generating 8-9 million dollars in revenue, and possibly saving these programs in the schools. It was requested that when the letter is prepared, copies be sent to Mr. Chiccarini, Principal of Carole Highlands, as well as the P.T.A.

Councilmember Aldrighetti spoke on the Unification Meeting of May 22; said in listening to speakers who support the effort, it impressed him that if the fight is to continue, the effort must be better organized, including all interested segments. Said he had proposed in worksession that a minimum of 50 citizen lobbyists be solicited in the Newsletter, formal training to be provided (they would, in return, guarantee a certain number of lobbying hours on the subject issue during the legislative session).

Mayor Pro-Tem D'Ovidio commented on the Memorial Day Service which was held in the Municipal Building rather than the park (due to inclement weather); thanked the V.F.W. and the Takoma Park Municipal Band for providing an excellent program; said he was pleased the City has a band and thought they should be supported in all ways possible.

Councilmember Iddings mentioned the Blue Ridge Peace Festival (held Memorial Day weekend) addressing the issue of nuclear war; said a substantial contingent from Takoma Park attended, including Mayor Abbott. Intent of the event was to symbolically evacuate the metropolitan area to the host area.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Appointment of 2 Traffic Committee Members from Ward 5 (Iddings)

Comment was made that item (2) on the Agenda, Takoma Park Education Advisory Committee ordinance, had been tabled at the request of Councilmember Bradley.

GENERAL CITIZENS' REMARKS (those not directed at items for Council action)

Susan Abbott, 7416 Holly Avenue: Stated her child is a kindergarten student at Takoma Park Elementary; expressed concerns about the quality of the crossing at Holly and Philadelphia Avenues - no flashing light, school signs, etc. Would like to see prominently visible cross-hatched crosswalks painted, as well as installation of a flashing school signal. Councilmember D'Ovidio commented that a request was made to the state for a flashing school sign for the subject intersection at the same time the lights on Maple Avenue were requested, the request for Philadelphia and Holly was denied, as well as a request for speed reduction to 15 mph during school hours. Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins commented that there should at least be signs warning motorists that they are approaching a school crossing; said Public Works had been instructed to zebra-stripe that intersection, apparently failed to do so, and he would ensure that it is done. Councilmember D'Ovidio remarked that "no parking" should be extended from the intersection with Holly Avenue to correct the hazardous situation of cars parking too close to the corner of the crossing; Mr. Robbins said he would see that the curbs are painted yellow the prescribed distance from the corner; however, to extend the "no parking" further than prescribed by law would require Council action. Ms. Abbott commended the Police Department for their aggressive enforcement of the speed limit on East-West Highway near the City limit, suggested they might direct similar attention to Philadelphia Avenue. Councilmember D'Ovidio suggested, prior to the upcoming school year, again initiating discussions with State Highway concerning school-related traffic problems in the City.

Nancy Young, 7416 Holly Avenue: Ms. Young stated she spent 3 days at the Blue Ridge Peace Festival videotaping; it was a very moving event, but raised some deep concerns; the City is part of FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Act) plan to evacuate people from suburbs in the event of a nuclear holocaust; thought the City should ascertain exactly what is planned for this area and make a determination as to its feasibility. Mayor Pro-Tem D'Ovidio requested that City Administrator Wilson ensure that information pertinent to the plan for the City be procured from the regional office of FEMA. Ms. Young thanked the Police Department for their monitoring of speed on Holly Avenue; encouraged that they, in conjunction with D. C. Police, monitor speed on Eastern Avenue during rush hours.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council Action

(1) Administrative reports

City Administrator Wilson reported that on May 21 at a worksession, Council discussed Appeal 7200, requesting an 8 ft. side yard variance for construction of a carport on the side of the dwelling at 7901 Cole Avenue; no objections were raised, nor were any received from neighboring property owners. The Board of Appeals was notified accordingly, and while no notification has yet been received, it is usual that they grant the requested variance in such cases.

Corporation Counsel Gagliardo reported on Special Exception 3447 and ERR-55, 7403 Garland Avenue (pursuant to continued operation of 4-unit multi-family dwelling in R-55 zone). Said the Zoning Hearing Examiner ruled in favor of the City's and Citizens' Association's position, which was to deny the validation of a permit granted in error and a Special Exception. Remarked the Hearing Examiner, in making that ruling, held that the Master Plan would be impaired if the Special Exception were granted, which was an argument vigorously advanced by all parties in opposition, but which had been rejected by the Planning Board. Hearing Examiner pointed out that the current law would permit the owner, if living on the premises, to rent two units. Recommendation of the examiner will now go before the P. G. County Council (will take 6 out of the 9 votes on County Council to overturn the Hearing Examiner's decision). An Appeal is possible, but nothing has been heard to date. Councilmember Aldrighetti thanked Corporation Counsel for his time and efforts on this issue; remarked that the subject property currently has a "for sale" sign on it. Corporation Counsel expressed

appreciation to community members, especially Phil Vogel, for assistance rendered.

In response to query, Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins stated the property at 7309 Flower Avenue was recently inspected and approved by Tony Austin for occupancy; owner is going to apply for registration as a rental property. 7709 Carroll Avenue was also recently inspected, is approximately a month and a half behind, a letter has been sent to Dr. Wunderlich and others who purchased the property from him asking for a report on status and what the City can expect from them. Regarding 7142 Carroll Avenue, City has been unable to gain entry for internal inspection, but external violations have apparently been abated. Concerning property at the corner of Jackson and Flower, status will be ascertained and a report made at a later date.

(2) Second reading of an ordinance establishing Takoma Park Education Advisory Committee as a standing committee of the Council. Upon motion by Councilmember Iddings, duly seconded, approved unanimously, the ordinance was tabled at the request of Councilmember Bradley, to be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

(3) Public Hearing on proposed FY-85 Budget for Public Works. Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins spoke; said administration had attempted to hold any increases to 5%, an explanation would be given for those accounts exceeding that percentage. Under Public Works - Office, Code 800, Salaries, reflects a decrease due to transfer of a position from Public Works to Housing (related to the Municipal Infraction program); this transfer effected additional decreases in other P. W. accounts. Telephone expense was estimated to increase 20% due to the breakup of AT&T; printing, 50%, as temporary "no parking" signs and tree placards will be printed this year. Commented that all salaries were computed based upon a possible 8.8% increase (subject to change). Under Government Buildings, Fringe Benefits increase of 24% is due to increased cost of medical insurance and retirement; Subcontract work increased 22% due to inclusion of renovation of the gym floor and some minor Library repairs. Repair Shop Overtime is increased 56% to provide time for parts procurement, time was transferred from Sanitation, which was not using their overtime. Pointed out that the disparity in Fringe Benefits increase among departments is due to two different formulae for calculation of Workmen's Compensation (office and non-office workers). Uniform Rental & Laundry costs increased 41% to permit daily change, and twice daily if necessary. Some accounts, such as Tires, Tubes & Batteries and Outside Labor & Parts increase, basically, due to inflation. Gas, Oil, Grease decreases by 15% due to a cooperative purchase contract with Montgomery County. Question was posed whether inspections by the insurance company are part of a risk management program, to which Mr. Robbins responded they inspect about every 6 months, giving several days' prior notice, check vehicles, buildings - City's record is not perfect, but there has been nothing major - discrepancies noted are corrected. Councilmember Iddings remarked that it should be ascertained from the insurance company whether an aggressive risk management program would favorably affect the City's insurance rates.

Mr. Robbins commented that the 12% increase in Parks Salaries is due to upgrading of one position to supervisory level; 16% decrease in Park Lights is due to an actual decrease from PEPCO. Concerns were raised about some of the trees planted on public space in the City and requiring staking and mulching; Mr. Robbins assured this would be done as time and number of personnel permit. Councilmember Haney suggested hiring a horticultural major college student in a supervisory capacity for the summer to assist in accomplishing some of the pending park projects. Councilmember Iddings remarked on the erosion problem on the bank behind the Library, wondered if that could be remedied in the near future. Mr. Robbins stated the problem is long-standing, attention should be directed to it, but it will be costly to correct - will probably require terracing and installation of landscape timbers; hoped provision could be made in a future budget for the project.

In discussing Public Works - Streets, comment was made by Councilmember Iddings that, while PEPCO installed high-pressure sodium vapor lighting on Boyd Avenue by mistake, a number of citizens of the area have

remarked favorably on the lighting and that should be taken into consideration prior to PEPCO correcting the error.

Abby Mandel, 7003 Woodland Avenue: Requested that percentage increase/decrease be stated in dollar figures rather than percentages for greater clarity in the proposed budget in future. Remarkd on the need for mulching in City gardens, watering of the young trees recently planted in Takoma Old Town.

(4) Public Hearing on proposed FY-85 Budget for Library.

Library Director Spottswood spoke, focusing on those items reflecting significant proposed increases. Adult Books shows a 12% increase to update that collection in keeping with others which have received greater attention in recent years, and also to expand certain areas such as computer science, vocational guidance, travel, etc.; data being gathered by the Planning Committee and recent surveys aided in knowing the kind of materials people need and want in the Library. Programming and Outreach (+49%) includes money for displays, general publicity, program publicity and film rental; Office Machines Maintenance (+68%) will include a service contract on the electronic typewriter; Supplies (+50%) includes materials needed for processing books and producing catalog cards. In response to query concerning the Library planning process, said it is going well - 2 surveys have been completed including materials availability and a user survey. Said a member of the Planning Committee has written a computer program which will enable the data gained from the surveys to be input and analyzed. Councilmember Aldrighetti expressed a wish to see a comparison of the City's Library with the county system, showing how the City facility differentiates; thought the proposed Cable TV position with the City should be tied-in with the Library, would be an asset to that department and could be a first step in a community center role. Ms. Spottswood referred to the lack of available space in the Library, however, would be willing to provide all possible support for such a position. Bruce Moyer, Cable TV Committee Chairman, spoke; said some municipalities have placed authority for dissemination of information through the cable system under Library jurisdiction; others have placed it in the public information office, some under the City Manager or Administrator - all have their advantages and disadvantages. What was discussed last year was the acquisition of a video tape deck and monitor for the showing of tapes already produced, which would require only a small amount of space; however, sufficient space for even that did not exist in the Library.. Councilmember Iddings remarked that an ongoing effort has been made toward a more aggressive information dissemination program for the Library, and it would be sensible to place the Cable TV function within that department.

Abby Mandel: Expressed support for the Library; hoped Cable TV would be placed under jurisdiction of that department.

(5) Public Hearing on proposed FY-85 Budget for Administration.

Acting Asst. City Administrator Robbins stated that Code 501, Mayor and Council Fringe Benefits, includes cost of Workmen's Comp and life insurance; was previously covered in another account. City Administrator and Staff Salaries account is subject to significant change dependent upon adoption of the proposed reorganization plan submitted by the City Administrator; 1/2 an additional Secretarial position is proposed (the work load has increased significantly without any increase in personnel); Overtime is proposed to reimburse personnel for extra time worked rather than compensatory leave (as people cannot be spared to use the leave due to impact on the workload). Increase in Fringe Benefits is due to increased cost of medical insurance, retirement, and the proposed 1/2 position. Code 513, Salaries - Interns, is a new account; proposal is to bring in 3 interns each semester to do studies, research grants, etc. Telephone & Telegraph (+20%) - a more cost effective package for the City will be sought. Rental - Office Equipment, is a new account (previously included in another account); covers cost of rental of word processor which has proven to be invaluable in budget preparation as well as other day-to-day document preparation; also rental of typewriters; encouraged rental rather than purchase of electronic equipment for the City due to rapid advance of technology.

Proposed 13% increase in Salaries under Accounting Division is for an individual in that department - will be deferred to the City Administrator and addressed in the possible reorganization plan.



Fringe Benefits and Telephone & Telegraph have increased for the reasons stated earlier. In connection with Code 560, Printing Tax Bills, stated the City will be printing its own bills this year, but hopes that by next year, with Mayor and Council's approval, the counties will become the collection agents for the City. Prince George's County will be able to enter liens against property and collect on the tax bill for the City for such things as mowing yard if required, boarding up in condemnation proceedings, demolition, etc. Montgomery County has not yet implemented such a program. Stated, in response to query, that Independent Auditing will go out for bid prior to next fiscal year (1985-86).

Corporation Counsel Gagliardo stated that he had broken down those accounts 570.0 through 570.9 on a percentage basis and presented those figures stated by hours allocated; said these figures are subject to a work flow plan agreed upon several months ago, under which all hours expended are subject to review by the City Administrator and/or the Mayor. The proposed figures are based upon actual figures for the time period August 1983-February 1984, projected on an annual basis. Commented a decrease is expected in drafting of legislation as legislation will now be drafted by City staff, reviewed by the Institute for Government Studies at the University of Maryland, and sent to Corporation Counsel for final review only. Clarified that an increase in hourly rate is being requested, but a decrease in hours is expected, thus approximating a figure close to the same actual expenditure as last year. Discussion followed, it was verified that if Council approved the budget, it did not automatically approve the proposed rate increase. Councilmember Iddings pointed out that a change in the retainer is also proposed; Corporation Counsel stated that the proposed change would average out to an approximate \$300 per month increase; commented that present Council has been considerably more active in utilizing the resources of Corporation Counsel's office, reflecting a conscious decision to be more active and aggressive in pursuing the City's interests. Had no good basis for knowing whether too much or too little is being paid for legal services. Councilmember D'Ovidio commented that the City is having to play catch-up in a lot of areas and some cost in legal fees will be incurred to reach the desired point. Corporation Counsel pointed out that a considerable amount in overhead costs such as telephone, postage, etc., is absorbed by him; costs for those items have increased, thus the requested increase in rate, plus the fact that some of his hours expended have been at less than the current market rate for legal services. Stated present rate is \$50/hour for the first 120 hours in a quarter, excess at \$75/hour; proposed increase is to \$75/hour across the board. Councilmember Iddings commented he felt it important that Council receive copies of Corporation Counsel's monthly reports and quarterly adjustments so that they have an idea of the cost involved when they request a legal opinion; City Administrator Wilson assured that would be done.

Mr. Robbins stated that the increase (52%) in Codification of City Laws is a projected actual to codify legislation enacted. Concerning Cable Television Commission accounts, said this is the possible new department mentioned earlier. Spoke of a meeting with 2 individuals from Tribune United; said they plan to commence construction on the micro receiver in White Oak within the week; however, did not have a date for when they anticipate beginning work in the City. In response to query, said a job description was not yet available, but Cable TV Committee will be formulating one; the \$20,000 salary figure may be amended depending upon the talents and experience required for the position. Councilmember Iddings remarked that Montgomery County will soon be holding public hearings to allocate approximately \$38,000 to hire Cable TV coordinators for various agencies - did not know what that figure includes (Bruce Moyer stated that was a salary figure for the Executive Director who would be coordinating county-wide). It was suggested the job description for that position be procured for the City's information. There was discussion with various Councilmembers expressing what they envision regarding the proposed department and the duties and capabilities of the individual employed. Bruce Moyer stated that the Cable TV Committee sees the proposed budget funding as salary for the individual employed to oversee and manage the City's channel and equipment package, as well as defraying administrative expenses related to operation of the channel; said the Committee

envisions the individual's time being divided 50-50 into developing the City's programming and assisting City residents and groups in developing programming, training others in use of the equipment package. City staff would provide script material for City programming, Cable TV person would be responsible for the technical portion of production; team members required for running cameras for programs such as City Council Meetings would be trained volunteers. Said the City's channel will provide a cost-effective means of departments increasing information dissemination to the public, will carry the City's message on current issues countywide. Mr. Moyer stated that over 100 citizens have already attended video workshops, demonstrating the existent interest in the City; emphasized that the point in time has come when it is imperative the City have at least one staff person to carry on the planning and work done by the volunteer committee; said by the end of next year, Tribune United projected the City could expect to receive approximately \$5,500; by the end of year 2, \$15,000; by the end of year 3, \$25,000; slowly increasing thereafter up to year 15, \$45,000; thus the City's outlay will be supplemented in coming years by franchise fee, as well as by fund-raising efforts that the Cable Committee expects to coordinate and assist in generating (solicitation of donations, seeking of foundation grants, etc.). Councilmember D'Ovidio commented on the outstanding citizen support and interest that has been demonstrated for this item; however, said it is personally difficult to reconcile the projected financial outlay in a year when Council is trying to cut back and hold the line budgetwise where possible. Councilmember Iddings agreed with those sentiments, said no formal plans have been made by City government for utilization of a Cable TV staff person, was reluctant to proceed with hiring such a person until more thorough planning is accomplished. Councilmember Aldrighetti suggested that a job description for the proposed position be prepared and presented to Council for their consideration prior to budget approval.

Paul D'Eustachio, 6611 Alleghany Avenue: Spoke in support of the proposed Cable Television Commission; said the Cable Committee had donated thousands of hours of work, the City needs to take the initial step by funding the proposed position prior to fundraising efforts being initiated.

Nancy Young, 7416 Holly Avenue: Stated she is an active member of the Cable Committee, involved in producing programming about the City and gathering archival documentation; produced a tape concerning Takoma Junior High directed to the Board of Education. Mentioned she had been trained by Tribune United. Supported the proposed position and felt it imperative the City find a way of funding it; related qualifications and talents she felt the individual chosen to fill the position should possess; thought the \$20,000 salary proposed was within reason. Agreed with Mr. D'Eustachio that foundations and organizations are much more willing to fund programs than administrative costs; encouraged that the proposed program move forward.

Pat Watkins, 6714 Cockerille Avenue: Spoke in support of the City fully funding the proposed budget item this year; said lack of funding in the early stages could be very destructive, quality of programming presented in the first year will be important to success of the channel.

Councilmember Iddings reiterated concerns; did not think the program would be greatly impacted by whether the City has a staff cable person this year or that the program should be undertaken without the assurance of being able to provide adequate funding and without careful prior consideration and definition of the City's goals and objectives.

Mr. Robbins stated that under Community Development Division, Administration hopes to reclassify the current part-time Inspector position and increase the hours from 15 to 25, with 15 hours dedicated to inspections and 10 to administration; under the proposed reorganization plan funding would not be a problem. Spoke of benefits to be gained from such a move, including improved accounting procedures. Said the originally proposed \$61,203 Salaries figure will be reduced by approximately \$23,000. Speaking on Debt Service, Mr. Robbins commented that this is the last year for payments on the City build-

ing, there is a substantial decline in that figure. Comment was made that the City might consider paying off the Canon copier early due to the sizeable interest payments. There has been a tremendous decrease in all insurance rates (under Miscellaneous), probably attributable to pressure from MML. Said Public Official Liability insurance is proposed this year, due to the number of commissions and boards working for the City, creating the possibility of legal liability. Under Capital Budget items, \$1,500 was originally proposed for study and design of storage area for historical and City records; it has since been learned that additional funds will be required to reasonably perform the desired work, thus, current proposal is \$4,000. Commented the proposed Stencil Burner would allow mimeographing of Council Minutes and other documents (thus reducing Xerox costs), would be available for use by citizens' groups and City committees. \$30,000 is carried over from last year for City-wide Office Automation; consideration is still being given to the best approach for the City. Replacement of the Postage Meter and Scale is requested as constant repairs are required and parts are extremely difficult to procure due to the age of the unit. Commented the request for a Medium Copier is an Administration request, not Police Department, is solely for the purpose of reducing the load on the Canon copier and to allow keeping the Canon secured during nighttime hours. Load reduction on the Canon should reduce its out-of-service time. Mr. Wilson commented that use controls should be initiated for the various City machines.

Regarding health insurance for employees, Mr. Robbins commented that investigation of the OPAL Plan under Prudential continues; the City could possibly save \$50,000-\$60,000 under that plan; Family Plan members would be most affected; recommendation is that a pool of money be set aside in an interest-bearing fund to be drawn on to cover deductible if required. Information is also being procured from MDIPA, a health maintenance organization; tradeoff there is having to give up family physician and go to one assigned by the insurance carrier. Cost of the two plans is comparable, but the MDIPA pays somewhat more. Mr. Wilson commented that if the proposed COLA and merit increases for employees are approved, that would avoid any immediate impact on paychecks. Comment was made that employee merit increases should be granted subject to an evaluation process; it was agreed this process would be developed and instituted prior to the next fiscal year (1985-86), would be more fully discussed at the next worksession.

Mrs. Mandel: Commented that administrative escalation, addition of City departments, should be halted (adds to the work of existent departments). Time should be better budgeted, cannot give employees additional work responsibilities and expect them to perform prior jobs also. Expressed opposition to the Newsletter; said a court in Oklahoma ruled last winter that it is a violation of the 1st Amendment for a city to publish a newspaper, although this is not binding upon Maryland courts. Suggested looking into one of the local newspapers publishing a monthly edition for Takoma Park.

(6) Public Hearing on FY-85 Capital Improvements Program.

Mr. Robbins commented that 1% is included in the budget for Capital Improvements, as required by law.

(7) First reading of an ordinance authorizing installation of a stop sign on University Boulevard service drive at Anne Street.

The ordinance was unanimously accepted for first reading, to be placed on the June 11 Meeting Agenda for second reading.

Proposed Ordinance  
(attached)

(8) Appointment of Two Traffic Committee Members From Ward 5.

Councilmember Iddings moved appointment of Jan Cohen as Full Representative, Mark Shute as Alternate Representative, to the Traffic Committee; duly seconded, approved unanimously.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m., to reconvene in regular session on Monday, June 11, 1984, at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
THE "SISTERFIRE" CONCERT

WHEREAS, "Sisterfire," the Nation's only annual urban festival of women's music and culture has been held in Takoma Park for the past two years--in 1982 and 1983; AND

WHEREAS, the concert has expanded in 1984 to a two-day event, thus enabling the Takoma Park business community to benefit more significantly from the thousands of participants who flock to "Sisterfire" from across the country; AND

WHEREAS, the use of the Takoma Park Junior High School for this major event has reinforced the value of the school as an important community resource; AND

WHEREAS, the spirit of the "Sisterfire" concert embraces the spirit of Takoma Park by bringing together a multi-racial, cross-cultural display of music and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Takoma Park, Maryland welcomes "Sisterfire" to our City on June 23 and June 24, 1984, and urges all Takoma Park residents to participate in this year's Festival of Celebration of women artists.

MAY 28, 1984.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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

- SECTION 1. THAT all vehicular traffic travelling south on the University Boulevard service drive shall come to a complete stop at its intersection with Anne Street; AND
- SECTION 2. THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby requested to erect the appropriate sign; 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, Md., 1972, as amended.