

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND (FINAL 10/31/92)
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the City Council

Monday, October 14, 1991

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Sharp	City Administrator Wilson
Councilmember Douglas	Asst. City Admin. Habada
Councilmember Elrich	City Clerk Jewell
Councilmember Hamilton	DHCD Director Grimmer
Councilmember Leary	Comm. Planner Schwartz
Councilmember Moore	Public Works Dir. Knauf
Councilmember Porter	Rehab. Coord. Ziek
Councilmember Prensky	

The City Council convened on Monday, October 14, 1991 at 8:21 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor made his remarks.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Sharp announced that the Council had just met in Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation matter and without objection, he moved that the time reserved for the Mayor and Council's comments be deferred until the end of the evening's agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (those not on Council's Agenda)

Pat Walsh, Flower Avenue submitted a petition to the Council with the names of 192 residents who were concerned over plans to develop the Domer Avenue property. She said the petition urged the Council to pursue the necessary action to preserve the wooded property located off Domer Avenue as open space or park land.

Julie Matthews, 605 Hudson Avenue and Treasurer of the Sligo Station Condominium Association said that every one she spoke to was in support of the petition and they looked forward to working with the City in trying to resolve the problem.

Rino Aldrighetti, 7213 Central Avenue said that the City did a fine job on the Street Festival held last week. However, many people on his street were not aware the Festival was taking place and he hoped that the City would encourage the merchants or involve itself in making sure that in the future, the Festival was advertised to the residents of Takoma Park. Mr. Aldrighetti then commented that the Consent Agenda listed a Resolution appointing members to the Newsletter Review Committee; however, the appointments were scheduled without being advertised in the City Newsletter.

Mr. Sharp responded that after the September 10th meeting, he had announced that the Council would be seeking individuals who had previously participated in Newsletter reviews for the City to conduct the review of the Newsletter as called for by the Newsletter guidelines. He said he indicated at that meeting that the Council wanted to have a short turnaround time to do the review. Mr. Sharp said it was a matter of opinion whether or not this was advertised because he did announce it at subsequent Council meetings and Councilmembers had suggested names of people to serve on the Committee. Mr. Sharp noted that the Review Committee would be holding a public hearing that would provide an opportunity for the public to give the Committee their comments on the review process.

Mr. Prensky confirmed that the Mayor had announced on September 10th and at subsequent Council meetings, the Council's interest in having citizens express their willingness to participate in the mandated semi-annual review of the Newsletter that the Council publicly admitted they had missed six months ago. Mr. Prensky said he believed that having the Newsletter Review Committee conduct a public meeting to take testimony from citizens, elected officials, City staff and any concerned individuals was important and an early

step in the process of evaluating the Newsletter. Mr. Prensky moved that the Resolution be removed from the Consent Agenda and be added as a discussion item. Ms. Porter seconded the motion.

Natalie Davidson, 605 Hudson Avenue, President of Sligo Station Condominium Association, commented that on 9/3/91 a murder took place a few blocks from her residence. She said she learned from reading the Takoma Voice that a community meeting took place on 9/7 about that act of violence, but no one in the 36 units at Sligo Station were notified of the meeting. She called to the Council's attention the Association's existence and asked that they be notified of such meetings in the future so they could fully participate.

Mr. Elrich explained that a group of people got together, printed up fliers and in using a map of the Ward, they distributed the fliers. He apologized if anyone was missed in the distribution, but he said it was an impromptu action as a result of what happened, and he would take steps to make sure the Association was not missed in future distributions.

Eric Sepler, Glenside Drive commented that the biggest problem in the City was communication to the people. He said the Newsletter was an important issue and the populace deserved to comment on the selection of the Newsletter Review Committee.

Mr. Moore clarified that the appointees to the Committee would be reviewing the performance of the Newsletter and how it met the goals of the guidelines, not to review and hire a new Newsletter Editor.

AGENDA

#1. Public Meeting Re: Westmoreland Area Community Organization (WACO) Traffic Plan - Presentation by WACO.

Cavan Capps, 6737 Little Eastern Avenue gave a history of the transportation plan which he said started two years ago with Jim Douglas and the Old Town Development Advisory Committee. He said they were addressing the problem of development at Carroll and Eastern Avenues. Several community associations were concerned with Old Town development; they noted that there was a 100% growth in the traffic commuting through the City in the last 10 years; there was a baby boom, and Walnut Avenue had a historic problem with traffic. They decided to try to develop a comprehensive plan--the Old Town Development Advisory Committee, sent requests to each community association asking that they develop their own traffic plans. The criteria WACO came up with were: they desired a plan with minimum costs, e.g., use of signs that were easy to adjust and change; they wanted to make it comprehensive--they worked carefully with all the streets around them and tried to work with the philosophy that commuter traffic through Takoma Park was going to grow, while being supportive to commuters who lived in the City as opposed to those who did not live in the City. They also worked towards reaching consensus of committee members.

Mr. Capps said they met with the Little Eastern Avenue Community Association separately and worked out compromises. They notified every residence in the area showing them what the proposal looked like and came back to the Old Town Development Advisory Committee. He said the other Citizens Associations that were interested in trying to deal with traffic in a city-wide fashion did not have any support--they had worked through this process as WACO had and were no longer willing to go ahead with a City-wide plan so WACO was stuck with a consensus decision and had no where to go with it when they were told to present it to the Council on its own merits.

Mr. Prensky added that WACO's plan was brought to the Council's Planning, Transportation & Zoning subcommittee, discussed there and given to the City's Community Development Department to research and comment on prior to it coming before the Council.

Rich Dart, 6614 Westmoreland Avenue said they fully expected the plan to be made part of a master plan and because of that, suggestions that were not part of their neighborhood were included. He handed out copies and went through elements of the plan. He said problems identified included cut-through traffic, high speeds and increased volumes traveling on Walnut Avenue. He said the proposal was to put stanchions to effectively block entrance onto the street from Eastern Avenue. People could exit Walnut onto Little Eastern. He said another element of the plan already in place were the speed humps on Little Eastern and humps on Westmoreland for which there was a petition being circulated. Mr. Dart said the other proposals included a one-way street on Second Avenue to prevent traffic normally coming down Walnut, and installation of stop signs on Eastern Avenue, a Do Not Enter sign on Elm and at Elm and Rt. 410 and New Hampshire and Poplar. He pointed out that the handout distinguished between non-core issues--those identified as being out of their neighborhood which were being deferred to other neighborhoods to make the ruling or requests for those traffic controls -- and core issues--everything else in the neighborhood. He explained that the one way proposal for Second Avenue would be a reversible one-way during commuting hours.

LeRoy Kuhn, Principal, John Nevins Andrews (JNA) School, 117 Elm School said the school had been in the area for over 85 years with an enrollment of 355 students and was concerned over the plan which proposed to cut off the school from its clientele because of the proposed closures of Elm Avenue at Rt. 410, Poplar at New Hampshire, Elm Avenue at Westmoreland and the suggestion of making Walnut one-way. He said these proposals would affect two of their 5 busses bringing children to and from school, 150 cars and 30-50 cars bringing children to and from the development center, County school busses using Elm Avenue as pick up points, and the Washington McLaughlin School busses and cars who used Elm, Woodland and Poplar Avenue for drop off and pick up of children. Mr. Kuhn said that Hickory Avenue would be the only entrance to the JNA school creating greater congestion for that area and several family day care centers would also have a difficult time. He offered the following alternatives: to place "No Thru" signs at Elm and Rt. 410; post speed limits for schools during the morning; and installation of a left-hand turn light from Eastern Avenue onto New Hampshire and a four-way traffic light at Eastern and Walnut (instead of a stop sign), and installation of several Children At Play signs in the areas of Walnut and in other at risk areas. He asked that the Council postpone taking action until an in-dept traffic plan could be completed.

Raymond Hill, 7104 Poplar Avenue said cutting off traffic from New Hampshire and Eastern would delay citizens living on the area's streets getting to and from their homes; he said if people did not like the traffic, they should move to the country. Mr. Hill said he sympathized with those residents who had children, but suggested that those families keep their children off the streets.

Dr. Pauline Washington, Owner of Washington McLaughlin School, 6500 Poplar Avenue said the proposed "Do Not Enter" signs would affect the front entrance to the school, making it inconvenient for parents to enter into the building. She said an exception should be made for local traffic.

A.L. Wood, School Board Chairman, John Nevins Andrews School said the school was proud to be part of the community for 85 years; however, in order for the school to continue, they must have reasonable access to the school; he said WACO's proposed plan would restrict this access to such a degree that he would fear for the school's continued existence. Mr. Wood said the school would like to be part of the solution; to work with the community and their neighbors to develop a plan that would be mutually profitably.

Linda and Juan L. Torres, 900 Elm Avenue said as parents, they would be inconvenienced by the plan. Ms. Torres gave the current route they take to drop their son at JNA and said both alternative

routes were proposed to be closed. Mr. Torres said they sympathized with the WACO residents and would be willing to work with the group on an alternative plan.

Ingrid Hassen, 62 Walnut Avenue said that over 12 years ago she was involved in a committee to try and address the traffic problems. She noted some recent tallies that were done that showed traffic had increased almost 100%, despite the installation of speed humps. Ms. Hassen said there was a big problem with excessive speeders coming down Eastern Avenue from New Hampshire Avenue which created problems for pedestrians as well as cars turning from Walnut onto Eastern, and if the speeding problem could be controlled, there might not be a need to limit access for local traffic.

Kriston Coney, 6701 Eastern Avenue said he was opposed to WACO's plan; he supported the idea of a stop sign at Eastern Avenue and Walnut which would be less expensive and easier to achieve with the cooperation of the District of Columbia. Mr. Coney said he went house to house and talked with the residents; he noted that he had signed letters from residents who opposed the plan as well as the lack of inclusion in the decision making process. He also said those residents who wanted to make the streets safe for children to play needed to realize that part of parental responsibility was teaching children not to play in the streets.

Arthur Karpas, 6916 Westmoreland Avenue said he was gratified the residents were able to achieve responses from other neighborhoods to the non-core suggestions of the WACO plan. Mr. Karpas said the suggestions and alternatives sounded good and he suggested that in two weeks there be a meeting of the WACO Traffic Committee and all interested parties to discuss the non-core suggestions of WACO's traffic plan. He said that WACO spent a great deal of time developing the plan and having people agree that they were willing to sacrifice because they could see others with extreme situations. Another difficult process he said was the democratic process--he said over a year and a half, they repeatedly notified every single family in the service area that this was an ongoing process and those who did not come to WACO's meetings could not take part in the consensus and could not blame WACO for not including their views.

Tom Forham, 60 Walnut Avenue emphasized that his problem was with the speeding on Walnut Avenue which was caused by the speeding on Eastern; he said the residents ought to be able to move forward as a community towards developing a solution to the problems.

Jessie Blackburn, 55 Walnut Avenue said she had three children and a fenced yard and she was afraid to let her children play in the yard because of the excessive amount of traffic and the speed at which it traveled. She said she supported the proposal and she found Mr. Coney's comments offensive because they were not talking about children playing in the streets, they were talking about them getting hit on the sidewalks and while in their yards.

Virginia Myers Kelly, 307 Circle Avenue, representing Circle Woods Community Association said she was happy that WACO was open to working with people in the neighborhood. The specifics of the plan affected the Circle Woods neighborhood and she looked forward to working on the plan with the Council, WACO and B.F. Gilbert Citizen Association.

Don Pollins, 6633 Eastern Avenue said he purchased his home on Little Eastern Avenue because it was a quiet street with little traffic and it was still so today. He said discussion of this issue should start with Lisa Schwartz's memo dated May 1991; from which he emphasized a point that "staff did not have the equipment or resources to quantify the perceived problems of traffic in the area". He said the few police reports were done in conjunction with speed humps and he noted some of the statistics showing that there were few cars traveling at low rates of speed. Mr. Pollins asked if money should be spent on the plan to stop residents who lived in the area from driving through? He said before the Council

made a decision, a traffic study was needed.

Martha Feldman, 6907 Prince George's Avenue said she and her neighbors were surprised to see the proposed closing at Elm Avenue; they believed that closing Elm would not reduce the amount of traffic going down Elm towards Westmoreland but would re-route it onto adjoining streets, specifically Prince George's and Woodland. She said that the Newsletter article did not provide sufficient notice and the City should have provided notice. She said everyone seemed to agree there was a traffic problem throughout the City; they should embark on a review of traffic problems and patterns throughout the City to develop a plan that would control traffic in the most equitable way possible.

Jonathan Gieseler, 6741 Eastern Avenue said as a WACO resident, he was not entirely satisfied with the proposal; he encouraged the Council to take action immediately to curtail the threat and annoyance of increasing traffic in the neighborhoods. He said he became swayed for the plan when it was realized that WACO had no control over the rate at which other neighborhoods debated the traffic question; any responses would be bound by timeframes out of their control. Mr. Gieseler also said the WACO proposal should be viewed as a starting point for a general City-wide discussion. He noted that if not for earlier residents, the North Central Freeway would have been built; however the underlying problem it was intended to address still existed and the need for a common defense against commuter traffic was greater now than it was 25 years ago.

Steven Morse, Walnut Avenue said he served on the Old Town Development Advisory Committee for a few years and his concerns were traffic from the potential development of the Adventist property as well as the perception of traffic on Walnut and in the surrounding area. He said he believed there needed to be a lot of community interest before the Council could hire a professional planner. He said it was obvious the interest was here and WACO was instrumental in reaching out to those they were aware of and the hearing tonight brought out others interested in addressing the problem. He noted that the major problem in D.C. at Eastern and Walnut was an average of one accident a month at this intersection with cars being rear-ended and propelled onto front lawns. He suggested that if the speed problems could be solved without involving D.C., they would appreciate the Council's professional experience as a Council as well as the audience's in addressing the problems.

Jayne Valdez, 53 Walnut Avenue said while babysitting children on Walnut, she had been afraid to let the children play in the front yard because of the high speeds of cars; there were 20 children under the age of 15 who lived on Walnut who were being affected by the traffic as well.

Sally Taber, 703 Auburn Avenue, President of SOSCA said that SOSCA officers discussed the WACO proposal last week; they were made aware of it by Councilmember Porter. She said that SOSCA recommended that there be a City-wide traffic study because "Do Not Enter" signs being proposed for Ethan Allen and Elm and New Hampshire and Poplar would directly impact the SOSCA neighborhood. Ms. Taber said there also ought to be a traffic survey that questioned drivers' origins and destinations.

Catherine A. Schmitt, 6621 Eastern Avenue commended WACO's effort to solve their own problem and their efforts at presenting the problem to affected neighborhoods. She said she would support the plan to the extent that it did not adversely affect the speed or volume on Little Eastern and with the condition that the Council provide for monitoring speed and volume at peak hours on Little Eastern. She said the use of restricted one-way signs onto Second Avenue was an absolute requirement for Little Eastern to tolerate the inconvenience of WACO's plan, yet be protected from the displacement of traffic. Ms. Schmitt also said she would like the Council to note that the residents wanted their neighborhood protected from cut-thru traffic of commuters who were not

neighbors. Ms. Schmitt also noted that Don Pollins and Kriston Coney were both given notices of WACO meetings and two Little Eastern Avenue neighborhood meetings.

Abby Eden, 24 Montgomery Avenue, Acting President, B. F. Gilberts Citizens Association on behalf of the Association, asked the Council to postpone action and schedule another public hearing on the issue. She said her neighborhoods learned of the proposal too late to schedule an informed discussion for their last meeting; however there was a lot of concern about how the plan would affect them.

Steve Quick, 7112 Maple Avenue, President, Old Takoma Citizens Association said the Association was involved with the Old Town Development Advisory Committee and the members who met to discuss traffic problems in their area were sympathetic to the type of solutions proposed by WACO, particularly, the use of limited one way signs, speed humps and time of day signage. He pointed out that traffic was corrosive to community and said there were two basic issues involved--people who were concerned with making streets and neighborhoods comfortable to be on were generally advocating restrictions on traffic. Those primarily concerned about mobility and facilitating the movement of people in the neighborhoods out of them, focused on the inconvenience problem. Mr. Quick said these were competing values that the Council would have to make decisions about. He said he has come to the conclusion that accepting some inconvenience in traveling in an impersonable automobile was an act of citizenship and he was prepared to accept the inconveniences of traffic controls in order to support the community. Mr. Quick said he supported the idea of a comprehensive traffic plan but he thought it was a myth; the problem was not the lack of one, but the allocation of inconvenience of the two values of protecting streets which were not resolved by a plan but by a majority decision. He said the goal of a traffic plan should be to decide where the City wanted the traffic to go and where it wanted it not to go. He commended WACO in putting a proposal forward that was worthy of consideration.

David Prosten, 6625 Eastern Avenue thanked Cavan Capps, Arthur Karpas, and the WACO Traffic Committee for putting the plan before the community and the Council; he said he looked forward to the meeting Mr. Karpas spoke of and said there would not be a resolution until some serious professional studies were done of existing contemporary traffic patterns. He also said there was a need for something more at Walnut and Eastern; he asked the Council do what was necessary to get staff communicating with the District of Columbia.

William Eckert, 7106 Woodland Avenue said when the issue originally came up, he lived on Walnut Avenue, and he noted the issue was basically the same--there was a difficult and dangerous situation on Walnut Avenue. He said a lot of objections raised then were based on inconvenience rather than safety and speed humps installed there have helped but have not solved the problem which became worse because of the increased pressure put on that neighborhood by development of the Old Town area and the increase of children living on that street. He urged the Council to try the plan for six months and not delay the plan for another traffic study.

Marlana Valdez, 53 Walnut Avenue said her home and her yard have been run into by a car prior to her taking up residence in the house. She said it was essential the Council re-focus on the four core elements of WACO's plan; she noted most of the comments heard tonight focused on the non-core elements and were part of the larger issues that needed to be taken up.

Kriston Coney, 6701 Eastern Avenue addressed the comments that he and Mr. Pollins were notified of WACO's meetings and denied the allegations that he had been notified.

Mr. Prensky commented that he had met with Margaret Matthews, 54 Walnut Avenue who commented that she did not feel there was the volume of traffic on Walnut to justify WACO's plan and that the adoption of the plan would be an infringement of the rights of the people who lived in the area; she postulated that it would put more traffic onto Westmoreland, where it went up to Carroll Avenue where there was a park for small children and there would be more traffic in front of the Takoma Tower senior high rise building and the changes on Walnut must be aimed at what was safest because many cars, school busses, mail carriers, police and fire vehicles used the street to access the neighborhood. Ms. Matthews also noted that during snow weather, from the Westmoreland valley area, the three routes to exit the neighborhood had speed humps on them. Mr. Prensky noted that Ms. Matthews had also submitted to the Clerk and the Council a petition gathered in 1983 signed by many people in opposition to a traffic plan in the Westmoreland area, specifically addressing the plan to completely block Walnut and make it a dead end at Eastern.

Mr. Prensky also acknowledged that he had an extensive telephone conversation with Deborah Sossen who had attempted to address this issue two weeks ago, said that Ms. Sossen had sensitivities to environmental elements and she said that the routes that were safest for her to travel by foot was along Walnut Avenue and she objected to further restrictions placed on Walnut Avenue.

Councilmember Prensky moved (without objection) that the Council schedule for discussion at the 10/21 worksession, a proposal that would create a "Do Not Enter" sign and lane blockage with fall-down stanchions at the head of Walnut Avenue, as well as the reversible one-way traffic pattern.

Mr. Sharp noted that should the Council decide, an ordinance with Mr. Prensky's suggestions could then go forward for first reading on 10/28.

Councilmember Douglas commented that the interaction between neighborhoods needed to take place; he commended WACO for putting something on paper and getting citizens to come out; he encouraged DHCD staff to begin planning for the development of a City-wide traffic plan.

Mr. Elrich said that earlier he had been with the Montgomery County traffic engineer discussing the Silver Spring development and neighborhood protection plans and the impact on communities surrounding major arterioles. He said one of his concerns was when one neighborhood sought to protect itself, it created ill will among others; he said it was important that people think about this and remain open to what the outcome may be.

Councilmember Porter asked that the Council also discuss at the 10/21 Worksession, how to get to an overall traffic plan for the City.

Mr. Leary proposed that the Council next take up the Public Hearing regarding speed humps
#2. 2nd Reading Ordinance Awarding B.Y. Morrison Art Project Contract. Moved by Mr. Leary; seconded by Mr. Moore.

Mr. Douglas said that there was concern at first reading that the art project was not appropriate; however, he said there had been opportunity for further discussion and he thought most of the Council were in agreement that the project ought to go ahead. Mr. Douglas commented that the next time the City selected a piece of art in which an advisory committee was involved, it needed to be made clear at the outset what the roles of the committee and the Council were.

Ms. Ziek summarized that this Ordinance would award the contract for the B.Y. Morrison art project to James Colwell, a painter and resident of Takoma Park. She noted that the Ordinance outlined

some of the process and there were some amendments recommended by Assistant Corporation Counsel were to specify that the project was public art.

Mr. Elrich said he would abstain on the Ordinance; he was under the impression that the decision was for the Council to make; had it been the Council's decision he would not be voting for the project for the reasons he stated in Worksession.

Council Action: The Ordinance, as amended, was adopted by a 4 to 0 vote on second reading. (Abstained: Mr. Elrich; Absent for vote: Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Prensky).

ORDINANCE #1991-36
(Attached)

#3. Resolution of Appreciation - To the eight members on the Art Selection Committee for their efforts in pursuing the B.Y. Morrison Public Art Project. Moved by Mr. Douglas; seconded by Mr. Moore, the Resolution was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION #1991-76
(Attached)

#4. Public Hearing Re: Speed Humps for Boston Avenue, Jefferson Avenue and Glenside Drive and First Reading Ordinances. Mr. Sharp called the public hearing to order at 11:02 p.m.

Mr. Leary noted that the first Whereas clause should be modified to read, "Whereas, on 7/18/91, speed humps were inadvertently installed on Boston Avenue prior to action by the City Council"; the motion was accepted without objection.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Leroy Brown, 7518 Dundalk Road said he strongly objected against the Boston speed humps. He said in his frequent travels on Boston, he had never observed excessive traffic and speeders on the street and he asked what quantifiable data was considered prior to installing the humps. Mr. Brown also expressed concern that some work done on his street by the City a few years ago tore up approximately 75 to 100 feet of the curbs around the cul-de-sac and damaged his lawn and said that his repeated phone calls to the Public Works Department went unanswered.

Mr. Sharp asked that the City Administrator and Public Works Director look into the allegations of curb damage made by Mr. Brown and report back to the Council.

Mr. Leary said that he assumed the Public Works Department would take prompt action to restore Mr. Brown's lawn.

Phillis Payne, 511 Boston Avenue said that those who supported the retention of the Boston speed humps, did undertake a petition on Boston and Dundalk and the overwhelming majority of the neighbors on those streets supported the speed humps. She pointed out a diagram of the neighborhood showing Boston Avenue which paralleled Philadelphia Avenue, which she said was a major east-west route. She said commuters over the past 10 years have started using Boston as an east-west route and the speed of the traffic created serious problems.

Cathy Duran, 418 Boston Avenue said the speed humps have fixed the problem of excessive speed on Boston. She said she felt safer walking her two small children along Boston where there no sidewalks. She asked the Council not to remove the speed humps.

Juan E. Vaca, 416 Boston Avenue said he was glad the speed humps were mistakenly installed; he said he had three children--two of which walked along Boston Avenue to attend school.

Tim Cote, 512 Boston Avenue said he was in favor of the speed humps which worked very well on Boston. He said other concerns raised by

people who were in a hurry were trivial; the life of a child was important and the mistake the City made was an important move and be asked the Council not to change it over.

Johanna Vogelsang, 502 Boston Avenue said she lived right in the middle of the area with the speed humps and she observed the change in the traffic pattern. She said she used to be very concerned about the speeding traffic, avoiding the light at Takoma and Philadelphia and was especially concerned because there was an increase in the number of children in the area. She said the City installed the speed humps just in time.

Jean Setterstron, 407 Boston Avenue said she was in favor of the speed humps and for those persons who wanted them removed, she said there was no harm in speed humps for those who slow down and that they potentially do a lot of good.

Kenneth Jordan, 1104 Merwood Drive explained that Glenside Drive connected New Hampshire and Carroll Avenues; it was a very convenient short-cut to avoid congestion around University and New Hampshire that quite a few people took advantage of. He said pedestrians had to walk in the streets going to Long Branch Park because there were no sidewalks and Glenside was narrow. He said the main access to the Park was from Merwood; often there was barely room for one car to pass when cars were parked on the street. He said he and the majority of residents on Glenside, endorsed the proposal for speed humps on Glenside.

Bill Albert, 510 Boston Avenue said that as a citizen of Takoma Park for over 40 years, he had seen a lot of traffic on Boston Avenue traveling at speeds in excess of 50 mph. He said he was concerned about the young neighborhood children and he supported the speed humps.

Sam Baldwin, 503 Boston Avenue said he was in favor of keeping the speed humps. He said he and his wife have had to dodge out of the way from traffic coming around the corner at high speeds. He also noted that there were steep hillsides on both sides and behind the houses and children were confined to playing in the front yards. Mr. Baldwin said the combination of blind curves, narrow roads and drivers trying to beat the lights on Philadelphia meant that high speeds and children were pushed together and created a serious hazard. He noted that in the time since speed humps were put in, there had been a slow down in traffic and a decrease in traffic volume and he urged the Council to keep the speed humps in.

Craig Wenger, 1105 Lancaster Road said he was opposed to the speed humps on Glenside Drive because he felt they will divert traffic to Lancaster and Haverford which were also narrow roads with cars parked on both sides. Mr. Wenger said speed humps on those hilly areas in the winter months would cause ice to form and the hills would become slippery and cause more traffic problems. He suggested that other alternatives be looked into, e.g., stop or speed limit signs or closing the main roads during rush hour. He also said traffic would be moved to Wildwood.

Mr. Douglas asked if the two proposed humps were installed and if the scenario Mr. Wenger described took place, would he favor putting speed humps on Lancaster to slow down the traffic.

Mr. Wenger said he did not favor speed humps because of the many different roads, he did not think speed humps were the solution. He suggested that a stop sign be installed at the corner of Lancaster and Glenside and another one installed at Haverford.

Winnie Canup, 1119 Lancaster Road said the problem was that drivers cut through from New Hampshire using both Wildwood and Glenside, although she did not agree that speed humps were the answer because they would re-route traffic. Ms. Canup also said she did not think there was a consensus in the neighborhood and the citizens needed to be sent home to re-work the solutions.

Terry Savage, 7309 Glenside Drive said she was concerned about the traffic conditions on Glenside; she said cars regularly sped down the street. She said she did not think that speed humps were the answer to solve the problems and she said she would like to see a further study and consideration of what possible alternatives there were. She agreed that there was not consensus in the neighborhood.

Phyllis Payne turned over a statement from John Peacock, Dundalk Road which stated his support for the speed humps on Boston.

Mr. Douglas noted that no one contacted him about the proposed speed humps for Jefferson Avenue; however, he did talk to a resident who lived on the part of Jefferson around the corner from the proposed speed hump who said there were small children residing on Jefferson and the residents were looking for some relief from the traffic problems.

Mr. Sharp brought the public hearing to a close.

Mr. Leary proposed that each proposal be taken up separately. He moved the adoption of the Ordinance proposing the retention of the speed humps on Boston Avenue; seconded by Mr. Moore. Mr. Leary acknowledged that the installation of Boston Avenue speed humps was handled incorrectly; but said that was the City's mistake, not that of the citizens who petitioned the Council to install them. He said it was clear that regardless of the fault in the process, the right decision was made and should be reaffirmed.

Council Action: The Ordinance, as amended, was accepted at first reading, ratifying the installation of the speed humps.

ORDINANCE #1991-37
(Attached)

1st Reading of Ordinance Proposing Speed Humps on Glenside Avenue. Mr. Moore moved adoption of the ordinance proposing installation of two speed humps on Glenside; seconded by Mr. Leary. Mr. Moore noted that he had seen a great deal of support from residents on Glenside and in that area who use the Park. He agreed there was an issue that some of the Glenside traffic would be diverted to Wildwood and other streets. He urged the Council to vote for the Ordinance.

Mr. Elrich said it was clear Wildwood became a natural alternative path and Kingwood would assume some of the diverted traffic. He suggested the Council try to solicit suggestions from the neighborhood to come up with alternative or additional solutions.

Mr. Douglas said he agreed with the arguments made by Mr. Moore and Mr. Elrich that part of Glenside would be particularly vulnerable because of access to the park and its physical characteristics, but said he found the arguments persuasive from those who lived on Lancaster Road that the proposal had the potential for diverting traffic onto other streets. He suggested that the citizens of Glenside come back to the Council prior to second reading with some other options. Mr. Douglas suggested that the Council could also put off second reading to give the neighborhood association a chance to meet on the issue.

Mr. Moore said he would talk to Ms. Elizabeth Kozel, President of the Hampshire Gardens Citizens Association and suggest that she meet with the residents.

Mr. Douglas said he would support first reading of the Ordinance on the understanding that more community discussions would take place.

Council Action: The Ordinance was accepted at first reading by a 5-0 vote. (Abstained: Mr. Prensky; Absent; Mr. Hamilton).

ORDINANCE #1991-38
(Attached)

1st Reading of Ordinance Re: Jefferson Avenue Speed Hump. Mr. Douglas noted that from the maps provided to Council, the proposed speed hump would be installed in the "V" area of Jefferson Avenue, coming off of Carroll. He said the allegation that he heard was that there was traffic that cut from Carroll around Jefferson and traveled down Lincoln. He said it was unclear what this traffic avoided by doing this; Jefferson was a narrow street without curbs and with cars parked on both sides and he said it was not a street that one would use as a cut-through.

Mr. Prenskey commented that having walked the streets of the neighborhood, he noted that the residents were in favor of the speed hump petition and he noted very little traffic on that street. Mr. Prenskey noted that despite notification from himself and the City, there was no one present on the issue this evening; he suggested that the Council move to table the Ordinance for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leary.

Council Action: The motion to table the Ordinance until October 28, 1992 was passed. (Abstained: Mr. Elrich).

#5. Resolution Re-Authorizing \$40,000 Loan in Unappropriated Reserve Funds to 7611 Maple Avenue Tenant's Association. Mr. Hamilton moved without objection to take this item off the Consent Agenda and reschedule the matter for 10/28/91, pending receipt of corrected information provided by DHCD staff.

#6. Newsletter Review Committee Appointments. Mr. Prenskey moved without objection that the Resolution appointing 4 members to the Committee be taken off the Consent Agenda so that it could be discussed.

Mr. Prenskey proposed that the Council move ahead with the four appointments now and announce the Council's plans to add additional slots on the Committee and to adopt those additional appointments on 10/28.

The City Clerk was requested to send out special announcements of this action to all the citizen associations and the Council agreed to make this announcement during upcoming community meetings.

Councilmember Leary commented that a public hearing was needed on whether to continue to fund the Newsletter prior to any public hearing on hiring a new Editor.

Council Action: The Resolution, as amended to add a reporting back date, was unanimously passed.

RESOLUTION #1991-77
(Attached)

#7. 2nd Reading Ordinance Re: Handicapped Parking at 6901 Woodland Avenue and Limited Parking at Montgomery College Day Care - Moved by Councilmember Prenskey, seconded by Councilmember Porter, the Ordinance authorizes removal of a handicapped parking zone no longer needed adjacent to 6901 Woodland Avenue. The Ordinance also authorizes the relocation of a limited parking area from 7714 Takoma Avenue to the 7700 block of Chicago Avenue.

Council Action: The Ordinance was adopted on second reading by a 5 to 0 vote (Absent: Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Leary).

ORDINANCE #1991-35
(Attached)

#8. Consent Agenda - Moved by Councilmember Douglas, seconded by Councilmember Porter, the following actions were passed by unanimous vote of the Council present (Mr. Hamilton absent):

- (a) Ordinance #1991-39, appointing nine Election Judges at first reading. Additional judges will be added at second reading on 10/28.
- (b) Resolution #1991-78, appointing six members to serve on the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Citizens Advisory Committee.
- (c) Resolution #1991-79, nominating Ms. Porter and Community Development Coordinator VinCola (as an alternate) to the Prince George's County CDBG Community Development Advisory Committee.

ORDINANCE #1991-39
RESOLUTION #1991-78
RESOLUTION #1991-79
(Attached)

#9. Mayor's Comments and Presentations - Mr. Sharp moved adoption of the following items, duly seconded by Mr. Douglas and passed unanimously.

- (a) Mayoral Proclamation (Resolution #1991-80) proclaiming October as "Crime Prevention Month", expressing appreciation to all residents now working to prevent crime and encouraging individual and group involvement of all residents to preserve the beauty and safety of Takoma Park.
- (b) Proclamation (Resolution #1991-81) declaring November 15, 1991 as "Stop The Violence Day" in Takoma Park and inviting Takoma Park residents to take part in Radio Station WPGC 95's activities planned for November 15, 1991 from 6-9 P.M. at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

RESOLUTION #1991-80
RESOLUTION #1991-81
(Attached)

The Council adjourned at 12:20 a.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on October 28, 1991.

Introduced by: Councilmember Leary

1st Reading: 9-23-91

2nd Reading: 10-14-91

Drafted by: Robin D. Ziek
Linda Perlman

ORDINANCE NO. 1991-36

An Ordinance to Award a Contract for
the B. Y. Morrison Art Project

- WHEREAS, in January 1990, the Council approved the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for public art in B. Y. Morrison Park; AND
- WHEREAS, in February 1990, the Council passed a Resolution in support of this public art commission and appointed citizens to a committee to pursue the project; AND
- WHEREAS, the Art Selection Committee met from February through October to formulate the program; AND
- WHEREAS, the project was advertised locally and nationally, and 105 artists submitted slides of their work for consideration; AND
- WHEREAS, the Art Selection Committee selected three artists to submit site-specific proposals; AND
- WHEREAS, two artists submitted proposals, and the Art Selection Committee chooses to recommend the painter Jim Colwell for his proposal, with specific reservations about the painting of an exterior frieze, the deletion of which has been communicated to and agreed upon by the artist; AND
- WHEREAS, there is wide-spread community support for this project, as evidenced by public comments collected from July 24 - September 16, 1991, when the projects were on display in the Municipal Building, and by the financial support forthcoming from the community; AND

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

SECTION 1: That, for a fee of \$8,000 the City will commission a work of public art for B. Y. Morrison Park from Mr. James Colwell, of 7325 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

SECTION 2: That the City Administrator is hereby directed to enter into a contract with James Colwell for a work of public art to be painted for the B. Y. Morrison park pavilion.

SECTION 3: That the fee for the work of public art will be funded through private donations, City funds from Community Development Block Grant, and from the General Fund.

Adopted this 14th day of October, 1991.

AYE: Douglas, Leary, Moore, Porter

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Elrich

ABSENT: Hamilton, Prensky

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Introduced by: Douncilmember Douglas

Adopted: 10/14/91

Drafted by: R. Ziek

Resolution No. 1991 - 76

A resolution of appreciation to thank the eight members on the Art Selection Committee of the B. Y. Morrison public art project for their efforts.

WHEREAS, the committee was appointed with the adoption of Resolution 1990-21 on February 26, 1990; AND

WHEREAS, the committee met diligently throughout the year to execute this project; AND

WHEREAS, the committee met on September 16, 1990 and agreed on their recommendation to the Council for the public art project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the following individuals are given thanks for their efforts in pursuing this project:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mara Berman	Takoma Artists Guild
M. C. Carolyn	B. F. Gilbert Association
Karen Fishman	Historic Takoma (alternate)
John Fleming	Takoma Junction Steering Committee
Carol Highsmith	Historic Takoma
Alden Howard	Takoma Junction Steering Committee
Ed McMahon	At-large
Paul Treseder	B. F. Gilbert Association (alternate)

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 1991

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Introduced By:
(Drafted by: P. Jewell)

1st Reading: 10/14/91
2nd Reading:
Effective:

ORDINANCE #1991-37

INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

WHEREAS, on 7/18/91, speed humps were inadvertently installed on Boston Avenue [without benefit of the regular petition process;] prior to action by the City Council; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council has taken into consideration citizens' comments received during a public hearing held on this date.

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

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No. 2676, adopted June 27, 1983, be amended by the addition of new subsections to Section 1, as set forth below:

Section 1. That speed hump installations at the following location are hereby ratified:

(a) Boston Avenue, between Philadelphia and Takoma Avenues, four (4) speed humps to be placed adjacent to 402, 416, 502 and 512 Boston Avenue.

SECTION 2. THAT funds to cover these installations be appropriated from Capital Expenditures, Account 9100-8001.

SECTION 3. THAT this Ordinance is effective retroactive to the date of installation July 18, 1991.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1991 BY ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE:
NAY:
ABSTAINED:
ABSENT:

Introduced by:

1st Reading: 10/14/91

2nd Reading:

ORDINANCE 1991-38

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

SECTION 1. THAT the persons named below, all registered voters
of the City of Takoma Park, are hereby designated
as Judges to serve as a Board of Election for the
November 5, 1991 City Election:

- (1) Ellie Irby, 7600 Maple Avenue #1206
- (2) Helen T. Johnston, 7051 Carroll Avenue, #1013
- (3) Claire B. Kozel, 7804 Wildwood Drive
- (4) Jennifer V. Magnus, 7310 Cedar Avenue
- (5) Rein Parris, 7620 Maple Avenue
- (6) Harold Alston, 7710 Maple Avenue, #105
- (7) Juanita Nunn, 7777 Maple Avenue, #1007
- (8) Virginia Jenkins, 32 Columbia Avenue
- (9) William A. Thompson, 1201 Kirkland Avenue

SECTION 2. THAT this Ordinance becomes effective upon
adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 1991 by Roll Call
Vote as follows:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

Introduced by: Councilmember Douglas
(Drafted by: P. Jewell)

RESOLUTION #1991-77

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NEWSLETTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, According to Section 8A of the Editorial Policy for the Takoma Park Newsletter, the City Council shall review the operations of the Newsletter on a semi-annual basis; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint a Newsletter Review Committee to enforce Section 8A of the Editorial Policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council hereby appoints the following individuals to serve on the Newsletter Review Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. Bevi Chagnon	7417 Holly Avenue
2. Bob Guldin	7925 Sligo Creek Parkway
3. Randy Kubetin	7103 Poplar Avenue
4. Debbie Brown	Columbia Union College 7600 Flower Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Newsletter Review Committee will report the findings of their review to the incoming Council on November 18, 1991.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1991.

Introduced by: Councilmember Prensky
(Drafted by: P. Jewell)

1st Reading: 9/23/91
2nd Reading: 10/14/91

ORDINANCE #1991-35

WHEREAS, a handicapped parking area located at 6901 Woodland Avenue is no longer needed due to a change of home ownership; AND

WHEREAS, a 15-Minute Limit Parking Area, previously located at 7714 Takoma Avenue has been moved due to a location change of the day care operated by Montgomery College; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it desirable to provide short-term parking for the newly located day care center now at Chicago and Philadelphia Avenues.

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

SECTION 1. THAT the handicapped parking zone at 6901 Woodland Avenue, established by Ordinance #1988-1, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. THAT Section 2.A.(3) of Ordinance 2395, as amended by Ordinance #2697, is hereby amended to read:

A. OTHER PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

(3) [Takoma Avenue, West side, from Philadelphia Avenue southward] The 7700 block of the southeast side of Chicago Avenue, adjacent to the intersection of Islington Street for a distance sufficient to create three parking spaces: 15 minute parking between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, with signs reading "Day Care Center Only" affixed to the parking signs.

SECTION 3. THAT the City Administrator is directed to carry out the provisions of this ordinance for removing the signs as directed in Section 1 above and erecting the signs necessary as directed in Section 2 above.

SECTION 4. THAT this Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted by roll call vote this 14th day of October, 1991 as follows:

AYE: Douglas, Elrich, Moore, Porter, Prensky
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Hamilton, Leary

Introduced by: Councilmember Douglas ADOPTED: 10/14/91

Drafted by: Robin D. Ziek

RESOLUTION 1991-78

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Takoma Park requested that Prince George's County undertake a study and make a recommendation regarding a county historic district in the Prince George's side of the City; AND

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Takoma Park requested this study of Prince George's County to better coordinate historic preservation efforts throughout the City, especially with the efforts to establish an historic district on the Montgomery County side of the City; AND

WHEREAS, the Council has solicited nominations to this Citizens Advisory Committee via public notice; AND

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have received and reviewed several such nominations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the following individuals are appointed as members of the Historic Preservation Task Force:

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| 1. Chair: | Bryan Sayer | 215 Spring Avenue | Ward 3 |
| 2. | Doug Harbit | 708 Auburn Avenue | Ward 2 |
| 3. | Todd Bethel | 7201 13th Place | Ward 6 |
| 4. | Jim Martin | 6519 Second Avenue | Ward 3 |
| 5. | Ann Vogel | 7117 Garland Avenue | Ward 2 |
| 6. | Pierre Erville | 201 Spring Avenue | Ward 3 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the terms of the members of the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Citizen Advisory Committee shall expire on June 30, 1992 unless extended by a further resolution of the Council.

ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1991.

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Introduced By: Councilmember Douglas

ADOPTED:10/14/91

Drafted By: V. VinCola

Resolution No. 1991-79

**A Resolution appointing nominees to the Community
Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Committee of
Prince George's County for CDBG Program Year 18.**

WHEREAS, Prince George's County has formed a Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to advise the County Executive on how best to spend funds received from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Program Year 18; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park participates in the Prince George's County CDBG program and has an interest in how these federal funds are spent in the County; AND

WHEREAS, the County Executive has customarily appointed representatives of the City of Takoma park nominated by the Takoma Park Mayor and Council to serve on the County's CDAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT the following individuals are hereby nominated to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee for Prince George's County:

Councilmember Kathy Porter
1002 Elm Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

Valerie VinCola (Alternate Representative)
Community Development Coordinator
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, Maryland 20912

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive of Prince George's County with a request that these nominees be appointed to the County's CDAC.

ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1991.

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

(Resolution #1991-80)


- WHEREAS, Neighborhood and other organized "Watch" programs have been shown to be effective anti-crime measures; AND
- WHEREAS, "Security Surveys" performed by police at no cost to residents, have also been shown to be effective in preventing crime; AND
- WHEREAS, The Takoma Park D.A.R.E. program in elementary school is an effective way to discourage drug use by young people; AND
- WHEREAS, The Cedar Avenue Citizen Patrol is an example of citizen determination and sacrifice to prevent crime; AND
- WHEREAS, Individual citizen efforts and cooperation with police are also vital to the continued municipal health,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward F. Sharp, Mayor of Takoma Park, do hereby proclaim October to be "Crime Prevention Month," and do further proclaim appreciation to all residents now working to prevent crime and finally, do proclaim strong encouragement of individual or group involvement by all residents, for the purpose of preserving the beauty and safety of Takoma Park.



Edward F. Sharp
Mayor

ATTEST:



Paula S. Jewell
City Clerk

Introduced By: Mayor Sharp

PROCLAMATION
(Resolution # 1991 - 81)

"STOP THE VIOLENCE DAY" IN TAKOMA PARK

WHEREAS, violence in our Nation's Counties and Cities has continued to increase and is threatening and peaceful existence of our communities; AND

WHEREAS, National and local celebrities, clergy members, community leaders, Orange Hat Patrols, youth groups and others have joined together in a movement to take city streets back and "STOP THE VIOLENCE"; AND

WHEREAS, over the next several weeks, local radio station WPGC 95 is inviting local cities and other media sources to participate in a campaign to come together and declare November 15, 1991 as "STOP THE VIOLENCE DAY"; AND

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council wishes to participate in these efforts to stop the violence that plagues our cities before more lives are lost and hopelessness and devastation fills our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1991 IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED
AS "STOP THE VIOLENCE DAY" IN TAKOMA PARK**

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED THAT Takoma Park residents are invited to take part in WPGC 95's activities planned for November 15th, 1991 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool

Dated this 14th day of October, 1991

October 15, 1991

TO : Distribution Noted Below

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

FROM : Paula S. Jewell, CMC City Clerk *Paula Jewell*

SUBJECT: October 14, 1991 Executive Session, Public Meeting
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

**DEPARTMENT HEADS: PLEASE READ EACH ITEM CAREFULLY FOR MATTERS THAT
MAY PERTAIN TO YOUR DEPARTMENTS.**

Executive Session - Upon motion by Councilmember Douglas and duly seconded, the City Council convened into Executive Session at 7:30 PM to discuss a potential litigation matter. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:21 P.M.

- [] 1. Citizen Comments Pertaining to Staff - Pat Walsh, a Flower Avenue resident submitted a petition of 192 names, urging the Council to pursue necessary action to preserve the wooded property off Domer Avenue as open space or park land.

- [] 2. Public Meeting - Westmoreland Area Community Organization (WACO Traffic Plan) - The Council heard from approximately 30 speakers in support of and opposing the proposal submitted by WACO for reducing cut-through commuter traffic in the WACO neighborhood. WACO representative Arthur Karpas invited those persons present at this public meeting to attend a meeting within the next couple of weeks so that the differences could be worked out. Councilmember Prenskey moved (without objection) that the Council schedule for discussion at the 10/21 worksession, a proposal that would create a "Do Not Enter" sign and lane blockage with fall-down stanchions at the head of Walnut Avenue, as well as the reversible one-way traffic pattern. Should the Council decide, an ordinance could then go forward for first reading on 10/28. Councilmember Douglas encouraged DHCD STAFF to begin planning for the development a City-wide traffic plan. Councilmember Porter agreed and questioned if the 10/21 worksession could include discussion on how to get to an over all City-wide traffic plan.

(Over)

- [] 3. 2nd Reading Ordinance Awarding B.Y. Morrison Art Project Contract - Moved by Councilmember Leary; seconded by Councilmember Moore, Ordinance #1991-36, as amended, carried by a 4-0 vote on second reading. (Elrich abstained; Hamilton and Prensky were absent for the vote). The Ordinance authorizes the CITY ADMINISTRATOR to enter into a contract with Takoma Park artist James Colwell for \$8,000 to commission a work of public art for B.Y. Morrison Park.
- [] 4. Resolution of Appreciation - Resolution #1991-76 was unanimously passed, expressing appreciation to the eight members on the Art Selection Committee for their efforts in pursuing the B.Y. Morrison Public Art Project.
- [] 5. Public Hearing Re: Speed Humps for Boston Avenue, Jefferson Avenue and Glenside Drive - The Council heard from approximately 18 speakers representing all three proposed locations. Regarding the Boston Avenue speed humps. One Dundalk Avenue resident (Leroy Brown) expressed concern about the speed humps inadvertently installed this summer and said that a few years ago, the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS mistakenly tore up some curbs in that area, damaging his lawn. The Council requested that the CITY ADMINISTRATOR look into this allegation and report back to the Council. If this was found to be true, Mr. Brown should be reimbursed for the damage done to his lawn.

Boston Avenue Speed Humps - Councilmember Leary offered amended language to the first Whereas clause in Ordinance Version #1 and moved passage at first reading. Ordinance #1991-37, ratifying the installation of speed humps on Boston was accepted at first reading. Second reading and adoption is scheduled for 10/28/91.

Jefferson Avenue Speed Hump - A motion by Councilmember Prensky to table the Ordinance; duly seconded by Councilmember Leary, passed by a 5 to 1 vote (Elrich voted Nay; Hamilton absent). Council felt that other traffic measures could be considered in lieu of installing one speed hump.

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Glenside Avenue Speed Humps - Ordinance #1991-38 was accepted at first reading (Councilmember Prensky abstained; Hamilton absent). Council agreement that more discussion was needed on this request for speed humps. Councilmember Douglas suggested that the citizens of Glenside Avenue come back to the Council with some other options. Councilmember Moore will talk to the President of the Hampshire Gardens Citizens Association (Elizabeth Kozel) regarding this.

- [] 6. Resolution Re-Authorizing \$40,000 Loan in Unappropriated Reserve Funds to 7611 Maple Avenue Tenant's Association. Councilmember Hamilton moved without objection, to take this item off the Consent Agenda and reschedule the matter for 10/28/91, pending receipt of corrected information provided by DHCD STAFF.

- [] 7. Newsletter Review Committee Appointments - Councilmember Prensky moved that the Resolution appointing 4 members to the NRC be taken off the Consent Agenda so that it could be discussed. Mr. Prensky proposed that the Council move ahead with the 4 appointments now and announce the Council's plans to add additional slots on the Committee and to make those additional appointments on 10/28.

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(Over)

- [] 9. Consent Agenda - Moved by Councilmember Douglas, seconded by Councilmember Porter, the following actions were passed by unanimous vote of the Council present (Hamilton absent):
- Ordinance #1991-38, appointing nine Election Judges at first reading. Additional judges will be added at second reading on 10/28. CITY CLERK to look into clarifying the requirements for becoming Election Judges prior to the next biennial election.
 - Resolution #1991-78, appointing six members to serve on the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Citizens Advisory Committee.
 - Resolution #1991-79, nominating COUNCILMEMBER PORTER and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR VAL VINCOLA (as an alternate) to the Prince George's County CDBG Community Development Advisory Committee. CITY ADMINISTRATOR to transmit the Resolution to the Prince George's County Executive and request that the nominees be appointed to the CDAC.
- [] 10. Mayor's Presentations - Mayor Sharp moved adoption of the following items, duly seconded by Councilmember Douglas and passed unanimously.
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 - Proclamation (Resolution #1991-81) declaring November 15, 1991 as "Stop The Violence Day" in Takoma Park and inviting Takoma Park residents to take part in Radio Station WPGC 95's activities planned for November 15, 1991 from 6-9 P.M. at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.

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CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND (FINAL 2/7/92)

Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 28, 1991

TAKOMA PARK MARYLAND
CITY OF

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Sharp	City Administrator Wilson
Councilmember Douglas	Asst. City Admin. Habada
Councilmember Elrich	City Clerk Jewell
Councilmember Hamilton	Personnel Officer Hobbs
Councilmember Leary	Dep. Public Works Dir. Laster
Councilmember Porter	DHCD Director Grimmer
Councilmember Prensky	

ABSENT: Councilmember Moore

The City Council convened on Monday, October 28, 1991 at 8:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the City Council made the following remarks.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sharp indicated that Mr. Moore was absent because of an illness in his family. He also announced that at the end of the meeting, Council would adjourn to Executive Session to discuss an issue surrounding the purchase of real estate.

Mr. Douglas asked Council to schedule a date when they would endorse the report of the Old Town Development Advisory Committee.

Mr. Prensky reminded everyone of a meeting being held by Arthur Karpas, President of the Westmoreland Area Community Organization, to discuss the peripheral elements of their neighborhood traffic proposal in the hopes of stimulating ideas on how to deal with excessive cut-through traffic in the WACO neighborhood. Representatives of a variety of community associations and neighborhoods would be sharing ideas and trying to arrive a mutually agreeable proposal. Mr. Prensky commented that some inaccurate information had been circulated about traffic proposals under discussion by the Council, which had upset some people. He explained that there was no proposal on the table to turn Elm Avenue into a one-way street; there had never been such a proposal, and he would not be in favor of such a proposal had it existed, and the only proposal which was under discussion by the Council was one which had been put forth by the WACO.

Mr. Hamilton announced that he would be leaving the meeting early because two of his children had the chicken pox.

Mr. Sharp announced that on October 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, the Newsletter Advisory Committee was holding a public hearing pertaining to the Newsletter, and citizens were invited to attend and give their views about the operation of the Newsletter over the last year.

Mr. Leary noted that there was another public hearing scheduled pertaining to the Newsletter on November 25th, which would deal with the larger issue of what kind of a Newsletter, if any, the City should continue to sponsor.

Mr. Elrich announced that this evening in the Montgomery County Council would be discussing spending affordability limits for the coming budget year and included in the discussions would be further cuts to the education budget. He urged everyone to call the County Council and indicate what their thoughts were on the school budget.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Elrich moved to add a discussion about the televising of Council the worksessions on the agenda; seconded by Mr. Prensky.

Mr. Leary said that it was not an appropriate issue to discuss tonight; the matter should be discussed fully in worksession before it was brought forth for Council action.

Mr. Douglas said he agreed with Mr. Leary, and the Council did indicate that it was appropriate for worksession and also that it was appropriate for the next Council to decide, and he did not see any reason to change that decision.

Ms. Porter agreed that it would not be appropriate to discuss at present, because it would be binding on the new Council and would be appropriate for the new Council to take up.

Mr. Prensky said that there had been a brief discussion at worksession and at which point, the majority voted against bringing it forward. He said he supported Mr. Elrich's proposal to have a discussion in public, on the record, and televised because he believed that it was an issue of very much significance to the present Council and the citizens of Takoma Park at all times and not just when the new Council took office.

Mr. Elrich commented that Council had decided not to have a full discussion because it had not had the opportunity to discuss it. He said if there had been a full discussion, it would have been out of the public eye as all of the worksessions were.

COUNCIL ACTION: The proposal to add an agenda item to discuss the televising of Council worksessions failed by a 2 to 3 vote. (AYE: Elrich, Prensky; NAY: Porter, Douglas, Leary; ABSTAIN: Hamilton.)

Mr. Prensky asked for the record, could there be a statement of the vote taken at worksession and said over a month ago, he had asked for the item to be of discussion at the worksession; it was put on worksession; Mr. Elrich and Mr. Prensky voted in favor of televising worksessions; the people who voted against televising worksessions were Ms. Porter, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Leary.

Mr. Douglas commented that Mr. Prensky was distorting the record. He clarified that the question that was discussed in the worksession was whether the present Council would take up the issue and not whether it was appropriate to televise worksessions. Mr. Douglas said Mr. Prensky was misstating what was discussed in worksession, and that he took offense of Mr. Prensky's characterization of his vote; his vote was not against televising worksessions, it was against the present Council taking the issue up. He said that he continued to think that it was an important public policy issue and an issue that the next Council should take up, and he asked for an apology from Mr. Prensky for mischaracterizing his vote.

Mr. Hamilton indicated that he was in agreement with Mr. Douglas. He also said that the other issue that came up was that he would like to see from the City Administrator, a fiscal note impact that went along with the responsibility of taping the worksessions since the Council cut the tape budget for regular council meeting by approximately \$1,000.00.

Ms. Porter agreed that Mr. Prensky was incorrect in characterizing the vote. She said they went through a number of different issues at the worksession and decided that some of the issues would be dealt with by the present Council and some would be put off until next Council, and that issue was one which was put off for the next Council.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (those directed at items not on Council Agenda)
Hank Cox said the proposal to allow non U.S. citizens to vote was interesting and he questioned whether the Council had thought about the ramifications, because there were a lot of resident aliens living in Takoma Park. He added that the resident aliens were very responsible citizens; his own wife had donated over 100 hours working in the schools, PTA, etc. Mr. Cox said that he could not think of any reason why his wife should not be allowed to vote in any local election. He said he and his wife found it convenient to maintain citizenship so as to be able to live in either country - his or hers.

Michael Clinansmith, 7710 Maple Avenue said that he wanted to make the Council aware that the spirit of George Bush and Lee Atwater was still alive in Takoma Park. He commented that he and his fellow tenants had received a memo written by Sue Silber about his tenant association's handling of a COLTA matter. He said that if the person who distributed the memo had made himself known to him, he would have told him that the matter had been reinstated and would be heard on Wednesday, October 30th at 9:00 p.m. He also said that he wanted it to be known that they would not tolerate this type of behavior and they would fight back, and if anyone had any questions he was willing to explain it to them.

Mr. Sharp asked Mr. Clinansmith if the document distributed was confidential. Mr. Clinansmith responded no. Mr. Sharp said that the City had nothing to do with the distribution of the memo to the 7710 Maple Avenue tenants.

Mr. Clinansmith said that he felt that the City employees were reputable, he had also asked Corporation Counsel Sue Silber if she were responsible for distributing it and Ms. Silber denied it.

Naomi Turner, 7667 Maple Avenue told Mr. Elrich that she saw on the evening news that there were 28 residents from Maple Avenue protesting at the public hearing in Rockville, and she was proud of those 28 people.

Enid Hodes, 7418 Hancock Avenue questioned the Council about an item she saw on some leaflets for the mayoral candidates about stopping the unplanned spending for municipal building renovations at a price tag of \$400,000.00. She said that when one drove by City Hall they could see that renovation was going on and she knew by the Newsletter that it was taking place. She asked was there such a cost overrun and if so, how did the Council let it happen.

Mr. Wilson responded that there was no cost overrun, and whoever wrote the article decided that they wanted to take a portion of what the actual ordinance stated and do some fancy arithmetic with it to come up with a cost overrun number. He said the fact was that on June 3rd after receiving 5 legitimate bids, the Council awarded the bid to the lowest bidder at \$328,446.00; not \$400,000.00. Mr. Wilson said the so-called additional \$163,000.00 was an additional amount which needed to be appropriated in order to cover the full cost of the entire renovation. He also said the earlier appropriation had been based on a figure that had been developed by the Public Works Director based only on what was needed for the expansion of the Police Department. He said Staff was directed to go back and look at other areas where there could be more efficient planning for space utilization, and having done so and getting an architect to go out, they came back with a total figure of \$425,000.00, and an adjustment was made in order to cover the entire amount that the architect set. He said at this point they were focusing on the \$328,000.00 that was awarded plus any other incidentals that may come from the adjustment; moving, telephones, etc.

Mr. Elrich remarked that the Council was given an estimate and were told that what it would take to do the job; there was no sense that they were going to face additional repairs for what was going to

happen on the upper floor. He said the architect came back with a proposal and the Council went into sticker-shock over the proposal and realized that the original analysis done was an incomplete analysis of what it would take to do the downstairs and no thought about what it would take to do the upstairs. Mr. Elrich also said that the Council basically committed to do the project and spend the rest of the money to finish what the high estimate was, but when they were told what the price of the building renovation was going to be, it was substantially less and they did not anticipate the higher costs.

Mr. Hamilton said two of the driving forces that caused Council to decide to do the renovations was inequities that existed in the Police Department who were locking youths and adults up together and chaining criminals to the walls because of a lack of space. He also said that as a condition of accreditation to the police department, the Council had to make sure legally that certain factors were met, and the Union contract required even further conditions, i.e., shower facilities provided for the female employees.

Michael Duberstein announced that on November 9th, Takoma Park would celebrate its first Volunteer Day, an effort put forth as a joint project of the City, the Peace Corps volunteers, citizens from around the City and others, would be helping to revitalize City parks such as Colby, Forest, and Hefner Park. Mr. Duberstein said that he felt the event would be one in which the City would be proud of in bringing people together, not only to do something, but to work together and learn about each other, and he hoped that everyone would participate.

Mr. Duberstein said that he was concerned about the colloquy about televising the worksessions and said he was disappointed that the Council did not put it on an agenda, because it was a critical item; one that the citizens of the City were looking to the Council for some leadership on, and he hoped that there still could be some reconsideration before the present term of the Council ended.

Edith Blackwell, 8320 Roanoke Avenue said she was in agreement with Mr. Duberstein about the televising of Council worksessions. She said that she came to the public hearings occasionally and each time she did, she left feeling more distant from the City in which she lived. Ms. Blackwell said that she felt decisions were made before Council took session, and what citizens said did not matter, because it was already a "done-deal".

Mr. Hamilton responded that the worksessions were not closed sessions; they were open to the public and there was a summary of all of the worksession meetings produced within the next day, which were available from the Clerk's office.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. Resolution Appointing Additional Members to Newsletter Review Committee

Mr. Sharp indicated that the Newsletter Review Committee would be holding a public hearing on October 29th at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. He also said that the Committee at present consisted of four members and there were two names before the Council this evening was additional appointments: Ruth Harwood and David Prosten.

Mr. Douglas said he was familiar with David Prosten and he felt that he would be a good addition to the committee.

Ms. Porter commented that Ms. Harwood was an active member of SOSCA and was their representative on the Citizens' Advisory Committee to WSSC and had been a good representative there also.

Mr. Douglas moved to include Mr. Prosten and Ms. Harwood on the committee; seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Rino Aldrighetti, 7213 Central Avenue said that he appreciated the fact that Council decided to expand the committee but he still expressed some wonder at the need to move so quickly without a Newsletter notice requesting citizens to be involved in it. He said of all the committees that Council dealt with, this one should have Newsletter advertising; however he did appreciate the Council expanding the membership on Committee.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1991-82
(Attached)

2. Resolution Establishing Selection Procedures for City Administrator Position

Mr. Douglas said it was his understanding that there was some concern about the next item on the agenda, an ordinance to award a contract to an executive search firm and, he wondered whether it made sense to deal with the present resolution without answering the question raised about the hiring a search.

Mr. Douglas moved adoption of the resolution; seconded by Mr. Hamilton and Ms. Porter.

Mr. Leary moved to strike the last "whereas" of the resolution, saying it was unduly self-serving and unnecessary.

Mr. Douglas said the selection of a City Administrator was one of the most important decisions that the next Council would have to make; there was no underestimating the importance the City Administrator had to the operation of the City. He also said while Council met and made policy, it was the City Administrator who was responsible on a day-to-day basis for running the City. He said it was fortunate that the City did not have a history of turning over City Administrators when there was a turnover in the Council, and the classic example was six years ago, when there was a seat change in the mayor and council, the City Administrator did not change. Mr. Douglas said it was important to take time and do a methodical search for the best possible candidate for that position, and he suggested the development of a good profile by the community, and city officials and staff. He said the use of an executive search firm to help develop a community profile in a non-tainted way, to do recruitment and help with the evaluation of the candidates was an appropriate process for selecting the best possible successor to Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Hamilton said he too felt that the process was appropriate. He said one of the most interesting conversations he had was with a councilmember who had been on the job for 16 years and never had to search for a city administrator. Mr. Hamilton said it became apparent that it took a special expertise to do that, and that everyone wanted to have citizen involvement in the process because although the Council could make a lot of decisions, what it was doing was making decisions that would carry the City for the next 10-15 years.

Mr. Leary said he agreed with all of the generalizations by Mr. Douglas and Mr. Hamilton. He also said that it was prudent to spend some money in insuring an effective pool of applicants. Mr. Leary said there was persuasive evidence presented to the Council based on the experience of other municipalities similar to Takoma Park, that hiring professional help in the search process was worth the money spent. He said he continued to have serious objections to paying a search firm to perform one of the tasks which was envisioned and he moved a recommendation that the City's Personnel Officer should develop a draft profile; this was seconded

by Mr. Elrich. Mr. Leary said the reason that he suggested that change was that it would save roughly \$3,000.00 of the proposed estimated cost of \$16,000.00. Mr. Leary also said that he felt the full-time Personnel Officer was very capable and fully qualified to perform the task.

Mr. Hamilton said he did not have too many problems with Mr. Leary's approach, his concern was whether the Personnel Officer could spend full time on this, which would be necessary for him to perform the job, and not have it conflict with his personnel duties within the City's day-to-day operations.

Mr. Prenskey indicated that on October 25th two timetables were presented to Council and none had been settled on as of yet. He said part of his consideration of whether Mr. Hobbs or the executive search firm would develop the draft profile, had to do with the method and result of it. Mr. Prenskey said it was his personal feeling, regardless of the time and pressures, that it was of great importance to publish whatever draft profile to be developed by Mr. Hobbs or the executive search firm. Mr. Prenskey also said that he had no objection to Mr. Hobbs taking on the responsibility; the objectivity of the profile would come from the variety of inputs of citizens' associations, individual City staff, elected officials, etc. He continued by saying that the process would then be subject to a public hearing and public scrutiny before a final document was agreed upon by the new Council taking office on November 18th. He said if that were the case, he could go along with Mr. Leary's proposal.

Ms. Porter said there were a number of issues that needed to be decided in terms of the resolution. She said there had been a long process already with citizen involvement in discussing procedures in the selection of a new City Administrator. She also said that they had met with a number of search firms as well as citizens' associations and based on all of those conversations, she came to the conclusion that a good way to do this would be to combine the best of both, and use the citizens' committee for the "core process" of picking the finalists for a city administrator, and to use a search firm for the professional advice that they could give at other points; specifically in terms of the profile, helping recruitment and with background checks. She said that the appropriate time she would move to table the resolution because 1) it had become clear to her that there were a lot of people who were unsettled in their own mind about what the Council was doing and why, which may be a situation where the Council was moving too fast for the citizens and they did not have enough chance to think about the issue and 2) as with the issue of televising worksessions, she had come to believe it was not a case where this Council should bind the actions of the next Council. Ms. Porter said it would be more appropriate to table the issue and leave it the decision on the process to the next Council.

Mr. Elrich he was in support of Mr. Leary's proposal with the assumption that there was Council support to spend between \$13,000-\$16,000 of taxpayer money on something that could be performed by the citizens and he preferred to see people spend less than more. He said that at the worksessions he argued that citizens could do the job rather than the professionals. He said that Mr. Leary's point was a good one. Mr. Elrich said that in the worksession, Mr. Hobbs said that he could do the work and he saw no reason to spend \$2,700 to have a professional search firm do it when Mr. Hobbs had the skill and capability to produce a working document that the community could evaluate and comment on and he hoped that the next Council would have the intelligence to incorporate those comments into a final document and to follow Mr. Leary's advice and save \$3,000.

Mr. Sharp commented that they could save more than \$3,000 with the travel expenses that were built in for the search firm. He also said that he opposed having a search firm do the draft profile, and

it seemed to him that Mr. Hobbs was capable of doing the job. Mr. Sharp said the Council needed to hear from the City Administrator about his adjusting Mr. Hobb's work schedule because union negotiations were coming up next year which Mr. Hobbs would normally have to take the lead on. Mr. Sharp also said he felt that there was one function that the search firm could perform - helping to identify candidates who might not be looking into the job market and helping to identify minority and women candidates.

CITIZEN AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Rino Aldrighetti, 7213 Central Avenue said at some point the Council would have to act because Mr. Wilson would be leaving. He urged the Council to move quickly and not hire a search firm but to do it internally. Mr. Aldrighetti then addressed some of the pros and cons of hiring a search firm.

Enid Hodes, 7418 Hancock Avenue suggested that instead of using a search firm using the International City Managers Association, a professional organization located in Washington, D.C., made up of City managers who had placement capabilities. She also said that they were international and the Council could consider working through them and then do the final selection from the candidates which they would present. Ms. Hodes brought up the fact that there was a recession and a lot of qualified people were looking for jobs.

Mr. Prenskey said he believed that there was one essential and critical difference that the Council could buy from a search firm; to obtain an adequate pool of minority and women candidates for the job. He explained that the primary function that a search firm provided was the internal networking they do with people who were very happy with their jobs; there were many people who would not respond to an advertisement by sending out their resume because they did not want it to be known that there were in fact, considering a more attractive position. He also said that there were people who were in professional associations who would feel that it was a break in their own professional ethics or security to be actively searching out opportunities; the search firm would go to people and point out that the attractive possibility in Takoma Park, and they would seek out minorities and women-- a pool which was not adequately presented by advertisements alone or the professional associations. He said based on that, he believed that spending money to hire a search firm was absolutely justified.

Marie Ritzo, 7113 Central Avenue said the hiring of an executive search firm bothered her as well as the issue on education. She said that she worked for an institution which had several professional recruiters working for them and they failed in identifying candidates for certain positions. She said that one of the best superintendents in the public school system in the County (John Murphy) was hired not through the process of an executive search firm, but through ads which had been placed in professional journals. She said it was very extravagant to hire an executive search firm, because if there was \$10,000 to "blow", it should be spent on education.

Ms. Leah Kedar, 7014 Woodland Avenue said that in her professional career, every time an executive search firm was bought in, it never worked. She encouraged the Council to use the current City Administrator, the Personnel Officer and the Council as a body, to draft the scope of the profile for the new Administrator. Ms. Kedar urged the Council to leave the money in the City budget and use it to help the schools.

Mike Clinansmith, 7710 Maple Avenue said that 15 years ago he worked for one of the 3 largest executive search firms in the Washington/Metropolitan search firms across the nation, and he discussed his experiences of the pitfalls of hiring an executive search firm. He said that Mr. Wilson was the best person to hire someone to fill his job, and he urged the Council to save the money

and do the job themselves, by placing an ad in the Washington Post.

Kathy Breckbill, Woodland Avenue said she did not feel that this was the best way to spend money and she was concerned about what was going to be happening in the immediate future with budget cuts at the Maryland State level and how they would affect the Maryland State budget. She said due to the budget situation, she felt there were good people who were out of good jobs because of layoffs, and by advertising in the International City Managers Association publication and the American Society for Public Administrators publication, that people from a number of places would inquire about the job.

Ms. Breckbill thanked Mr. Elrich and Mr. Prenskey for trying to get worksessions televised because she knew a lot of people would appreciate it.

Linda Clinansmith, 7710 Maple Avenue said she had worked at the same search firm that her husband mentioned, although not at the same time, and she sent out the paperwork and contacted clients, and she knew that you do not always get what you pay for. She continued by saying she did not feel Takoma Park would suffer if there was not a city administrator as soon as Mr. Wilson retired. Ms. Clinansmith said she was quite sure that the assistant administrator would take on those responsibilities and Takoma Park would not suffer. She said she also hoped that Takoma Park would take its time and get someone who was qualified.

Tom Gagliardo, 704 Maplewood said the obvious fact was that there was an in-house candidate--the current Assistant Administrator. He said the most astounding fact was that the City hired a full time Personnel Officer at the expense of the taxpayers and he was not being used for those purposes. Mr. Gagliardo said that democracy worked and he would like thank Condie Clayton for running for office and for raising the issue because if he had not raised the issue in the debate, the Council would have passed a proposal last week to spend \$25,000 to hire a search firm.

Ms. Porter replied that she was the person who had suggested the Council spend only \$16,000 for a contract with a search firm, and the first time she heard that Mr. Clayton had raised the issue was 10 days after she mentioned it to the Council.

Mr. Clinansmith said that the issue had been raised the night of the candidates forum. Ms. Porter said by that evening, Council had already eliminated spending \$25,000 as an option.

Mr. Clinansmith retorted that Ms. Porter could say what she wanted; she would be on the next council and why didn't she announce at the first meeting of the new council what decisions she would pass off to the council to be elected in 1993. He also said that this issue occurred on her watch and all of the Councilmember's watches except Mr. Douglas because he was leaving the Council, and that the decision was their "bullet to bite"; to vote it up or down, but to take the political credit or political heat, and avoid the issue.

Mr. Sharp said it appeared that the Council was seeing citizens who were opposed to the hiring of a search firm and said that notwithstanding the feeling that Council had about doing so, it ought not do so, that in fact, based on the discussion that they have had, the search should be conducted without using a professional search firm.

Michael Duberstein, 106 Hodges Lane said it was a very good proposal and he felt that Ms. Porter's proposal to table the motion was the worst thing that Council could do because people were concerned about process. He said the Council should make a decision not to spend the money but to get started by getting citizens and personnel director involved and starting the process with a timetable which was not listed in steps 1, 2 or 3.

Mr. Sharp said there was confusion between steps 2 and 3 and he felt that the Council could move forward with the process with the Personnel Officer starting work on a draft profile and announce it in the next City Newsletter.

Council Discussion: Following lengthy discussion among the Councilmembers a series of proposed amendments were discussed; some accepted and some withdrawn by the Council. The final language was proposed by Ms. Porter and passed unanimously the Council. The Resolution was amended by: (1) striking the last Whereas clause; (2) to have the Personnel Officer develop the draft profile as noted in Step 1(a); (3) to have the Personnel Officer and Citizen's Advisory Committee solicit candidates as noted in Step 2(a); (4) to have the Committee conduct telephone reference checks of the semi-finalists as noted in Step 3(b); (5) to have the Personnel Officer or his designee be responsible for conducting detailed background checks on each finalist as noted in Step 4(a); and (6) to have the Council select the new administrator without the assistance of a search firm, as noted in Step 4(c).

Mr. Hamilton asked Mr. Wilson to answer the question about whether the personnel director would have the time to do what the Council mandated.

Mr. Wilson said that he would have to look at his work schedule and make some changes, because the key thing that Mr. Hobbs had to get done was to close on the labor union contract that was being negotiated with the police union.

Naomi Turner, 7667 Maple Avenue questioned why Ms. Habada could not step into the shoes of the city administrator and said Ms. Habada was a very intelligent and capable individual. She questioned why the Council would have to hire someone from the outside; noting that Ms. Habada had worked with Mr. Wilson for a long time and had to stand-in for Mr. Wilson when he was ill or when he had other obligations.

Mr. Sharp said at this point the Council had decided to set up a citizens' group to look at the candidates and he did not think that they should proceed with making a decision to hire anyone without citizen's input on the matter. He commented that Ms. Habada was, in his mind, a very valuable employee for the City, but there should be a citizens' committee that would make recommendations to the Council before the Council took any action.

Ms. Turner said she hoped that Council would offer the job to Ms. Habada because she was qualified and she hoped that she would not be overlooked; she'd rather see her sitting in the city administrator's chair than to see a man sitting in it, and she felt that Ms. Habada would be fair to everyone. Mr. Sharp commented that Ms. Habada would not be overlooked.

Ms. Porter added that she would assure her that as long as she sat on the Council, there would not be any women candidates who would be overlooked.

(Unidentified Speaker) asked why was the citizens' advisory committee delayed until Step 3, rather than being in Step 1, because he felt it would be imperative for the process to establish the citizens' advisory committee at the beginning of the process, rather than waiting until Step 3.

Mr. Sharp explained that once the applications had been received, they would be using a group to help in the evaluation and in looking at Step 1, it was not to leave the public out of the process; the public was an integral part of it. He said the Personnel Officer would help draft the profile and then provide opportunity for citizens, council and staff to comment.

Ms. Porter added that the idea was not to leave them out but to be

able to do the profile immediately, without waiting for the formation of the CAC, since the process of developing the profile involved a public hearing and a lot of input by various people. She said that this could be done and it would not have to wait until the committee was set up. She also noted that since the Council amended the process, the CAC would come in at Step 2.

Mr. Douglas commented that as Mr. Prenskey said earlier, he was concerned that the process needed to be done earlier than late January. He also said that the schedule should be published in the Newsletter in order to have wide-spread publicity.

Rino Aldrighetti, commented that the Council was going in the right direction. He said that when the last administrative search took place, there was no special intent in terms of minority or female hiring, and that Mr. Wilson was hired as the best candidate who came before Council at that time. He said that of the three finalists in the candidate search, two were Black males and one was a white female; however they were finalists because they happened to be good.

COUNCIL ACTION: The resolution, as amended was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1991-83
(Attached)

3. First Reading Ordinance Awarding Contract to Executive Search Firm for Assistance In Hiring City Administrator - Removed from Agenda.

4. Second Reading Ordinance Re: Speed Humps for Boston Avenue

Moved by Mr. Leary; seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Leary explained that the proposal was to codify the 4 speed humps which were placed on Boston Avenue in advance of formal City Council action, and if passed, the speed humps that were now in place on Boston Avenue would have formal Council approval.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Jack Mitton, 501 Philadelphia Avenue said that he first brought the issue of the Boston Avenue speed humps to the attention of the Council. He also said he sent a letter to the City on September 30th regarding these speed humps which stated that if the speed humps were found to be the best solution, they must be installed in strict conformity with Takoma Park Code Section 13.2, paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2. He also said that he wanted to know whether or not anyone had taken the opportunity to verify that they were in conformity. He read the Code Section that referenced the methods for installing and the measurements of the speed humps. Mr. Mitten said that the speed humps were higher than the adjacent curbs, which lead him to believe that they were higher than the 4 inch limit. Mr. Mitten also said that Section 14.2 states that: no speed hump shall be placed within 200 feet of a STOP sign except under special circumstances as determined by the Director of Public Works. He said two of the humps were within 200 feet of STOP signs. He asked if the comments that he submitted over a month ago, had been reviewed and approved before the ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Wilson responded that this had been reviewed; a report had been made to the City Council and he would receive a copy of it which explained the oversight and the error that was committed in that particular case.

Tyrone Laster, Deputy Director of Public Works explained that he personally went out and measured the speed humps. He also said that Mr. Mitten was correct in saying that some of the speed humps were more than 4 inches, but he was incorrect in saying that all were more than 4 inches. He said it was the decision of the Public

Works Director to put a speed hump less than 200 feet and they were approved by the Director to do this. He also said in terms of the speed humps being more than 4 inches tall, he spoke with the Director and they would use a sanding-type machine to grind the speed humps down (in some cases up to a quarter inch), so that they would be in conformity with the Code.

Mr. Mitten said he had not taken the time nor the effort to go around and measure the speed humps throughout the City, and that if the speed humps were constructed not in accordance with the Code, there were others not in accordance with the Code. He also said in the case of the Ordinance if the humps were supposed to be within 200 feet, that should be addressed in the Ordinance also.

Mr. Sharp said that the Ordinance did state where the speed humps should go.

Mr. Sharp explained that the Jefferson Avenue speed hump ordinance was postponed because there was not a lot of citizen indication that they were interested in it. He said that at the public hearing, there was some opposition to placing speed humps on Glenside, and the Council asked citizens to go back and try to work it out. He also said that the public hearing on Boston Avenue speed humps had generated substantial support.

Mr. Douglas commented that Mr. Mitten made a good point about the Council needing to be careful about following the law. He also said that it was only fair to make sure the record reflected that at the hearing two weeks ago, there were some charges made by a citizen about some infrastructure work which done by Public Works that resulted in a minor amount of damage to the citizen's lawn. Mr. Douglas said that Public Work had sent the Council a response on this and it seemed there was a minor amount of damage done and it had been dealt with in a prompt and professional manner.

COUNCIL ACTION: The ordinance was adopted unanimously; ABSENT: Elrich, Moore, Prensky.

ORDINANCE NO. 1991-37
(Attached)

5. Second Reading Ordinance Re: Speed Humps for Glenside Avenue

Mr. Douglas announced that Mr. Moore had requested that this agenda item be tabled because the people in the community were working on a neighborhood traffic plan as an alternative to speed humps.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance was removed from Agenda.

6. Resolution Re-Authorizing A Loan of \$40,000 in Unappropriated Reserve Funds to the 7611 Maple Avenue Tenant's Association, Inc.

Moved by Mr. Elrich; seconded by Mr. Leary.

Mr. Hamilton recused himself, saying that because he was a tenant, as a councilmember he would not participate in the discussion. He also said as a tenant, he had a year's lease on the rental property and had the option in one year to purchase his unit, but that he did not qualify for the down payment assistance fund for his particular unit.

Mr. Prensky said that the staff report explained how Citizens Bank could not handle adjustable rate mortgages or adjusting the mortgage once per year. He asked was it that the accounting department could not handle the collection procedures on one loan and thereby be able to adjust the rate each year.

DHCD Director Nancy Grimmer responded that Staff did look at that possibility and it was the recommendation that this would involve additional record keeping, additional staff work, and it would basically be less costly administratively, to have citizens handle

it as opposed to the City staff handling it.

Mr. Douglas asked if the accounting department would do it in-house, that those additional costs could offset what they were trying to do - save money.

Ms. Grimmer responded yes; the cost was bumped up to the 7611 Maple Avenue Tenants, and the goal was for the City not to lose money on the transaction.

Mr. Sharp asked what was the Council's response to the staff's memorandum.

Mr. Prensky said it bothered him that one calculation per year was so complicated and time-consuming.

Mr. Douglas said he was inclined to agree with staff, and it was not clear to him whether or not the motion on the floor needed to be amended to agree with staff. He said if his reading of the motion on the floor was correct, it agreed with staff; it was not written as an adjustable rate.

Ms. Grimmer responded that it was correct. She said that the long servicing would involve coupon books, etc., which was with an adjustable rate, but they were not currently equipped to do that.

COUNCIL ACTION: The resolution passed unanimously; ABSTAIN: Hamilton.

RESOLUTION NO. 1991-84
(Attached)

7. Resolution Accepting City Administrator's Recommendation on Emergency Procurement

Moved by Mr. Douglas; seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Douglas explained that the resolution accepted the City Administrator's findings that an emergency situation existed.

COUNCIL ACTION: The resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 1991-85
(Attached)

8. Second Reading Of Emergency Procurement Ordinance Re: Purchase of Grinder for Public Works

Moved by Mr. Douglas; seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this item came up when the citizens in the Oswego Avenue area complained about problems the leaf piles at Public Works were generating. One of the solutions the Council considered was the purchase of grinder that would grind up the leaves prior to putting them in the mulch pile. He said that this option would eliminate the odor and would make it easier to rotate the leaves that were collected.

Mr. Elrich said that he heard that Public Works had found a used machine for \$2,500 and if that were true, why was Takoma Park not purchasing it. Mr. Wilson replied that he was not aware of this.

Mr. Sharp asked Mr. Elrich why he had not made that information available to the Public Works Director.

Mr. Elrich responded that he just recently heard about it from Mr. Prensky.

Mr. Prensky commented that he only heard a rumor about this and he questioned whether the procurement of the machine had waited for second reading or had it gone ahead before second reading.

Mr. Sharp said they had received bids and were accepting the lowest one and said that there was no violation of the law.

Mr. Hamilton explained there was a demonstration on one of the vehicles at the Public Works Department for citizens to see it, but it no machine had been purchased.

Ms. Porter asked whether it would eliminate the odor from the mulch pile because it was her understanding that what it basically did was grind bigger leaves into smaller pieces, but that in itself would not reduce the odor and she assumed something else would be done.

Mr. Wilson explained the odor was a result of lack of oxygen and the increased surface which was available to the leaf particles once they were ground up as they were continually turned over, would reduce the generation of the methane gas which caused the odor. He further explained that there were two things which had to happen: the grinding and the consistent turning over of the leaf particles.

Ms. Porter asked if part of the proposal that was before Council was not only for the grinder but also an intention on the part of Public Works to turn the leaves over more frequently.

Mr. Laster replied that it was and in addition, the citizens would come and pick the leaves up faster than they did because it would be in a mulch composite for them to use in their yards.

Mr. Douglas said that was a good point and the concern about odor went beyond the borders of the Ritchie Avenue Citizens' Association, because he occasionally got it across the valley on Sherman Avenue. He said the additional benefit that Mr. Laster pointed out was there would be better quality mulch out of it and he felt the pile would disappear faster and those who used it, would get a better product.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Montez Boatman, 133 Ritchie Avenue posed some questions raised by citizens on Ritchie Avenue: how did the purchase of a grinder affect the present mulch pile; where would the leaves be placed once they were ground.

Mr. Wilson responded that the present mulch pile would be the victim of the grinder as soon as the City got it. He also said that until the mulch was taken away by citizens or taken off to the appropriate sites, they would remain for the most part.

Ms. Boatman said that was a very serious concern on the part of the residents because the initial request was the immediate and permanent removal of the mulch pile. She said with the purchase of the grinder, it seemed to be the step in the right direction; it was needed and it was something that would benefit the entire City. She said residents would be quite concerned about the fact there would still be a mulch pile in their area, and she was sure that the Public Works Department had good intentions about turning the pile over from time to time, and that should prevent the kind of odor that had emanated from the pile all summer. She said they were in favor of the grinder but at this point they were concerned about having the pile removed, because it appeared with it being a tree city, there were too many leaves the City was unable to get rid of. Mrs. Boatman said it would difficult for her to convey the idea to the residents that the mulch pile would still be there.

Mr. Wilson said that he and Mr. Knauf had discussed the idea of moving the grinder to locations within the community, i.e., at park

sites the City owned for the purpose of grinding leaves at those sites. He also said the possibility had occurred to letting the leaves remain at those park sites for the purpose of citizens picking the mulch up, because one of the other problems that they had heard about was the traffic that was generated by those persons coming to Public Works to get the leaves. He said those ideas were in the thought stage but they have some excellent prospects for solving the problems.

Mr. Hamilton commented that the confusion developed during a meeting with Ritchie Avenue citizens who were told that the odor problem would be eliminated; he said the total elimination of all the leaves in the City could not be accomplished by Public Works. He said the leaves had been going there for 20 years and Council could not make a decision what to do with them in the next 6 months.

Mr. Wilson said they would try to accommodate the situation as best they could and if it came to that and it would need a policy decision, he was sure that they would know by the end of the present leaf cycle.

Mr. Leary commented that the offer by the City to distribute mulch was not received with great enthusiasm by the North Takoma Citizens' Association and the people who lived in the vicinity of Jeque Park.

Mr. Douglas said he was encouraged by Mr. Wilson's comments that other alternatives were being looked at, and he would be happy to haul the ground up leaves into his own compost pile and he encouraged the Public Works Department to think creatively about other alternatives because it was a good way of solving the problem.

Mr. Sharp suggested that a certain amount of money could be allocated to buy smaller leaf grinders and give them to all of the citizens' associations, and people around the City could do their own leaf grinding.

Mr. Wilson said there were some educational aspects in trying to convince people to take care of their own leaves on-site; the more people who would consider doing that, the fewer leaves there would be to pick up.

COUNCIL ACTION: The Ordinance at second reading was adopted unanimously; ABSENT: Mr. Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 1991-40
(Attached)

9. Second Reading Ordinance Appointing 1991 Election Judges

Moved by Mr. Elrich; seconded by Mr. Douglas.

COUNCIL ACTION: The ordinance was adopted unanimously at second reading; ABSENT: Hamilton, Moore.

ORDINANCE NO. 1991-39
(Attached)

10. Resolution Appointing Members to Recycling Task Force

Mr. Sharp indicated that there were four vacancies and nine citizens had expressed an interest in serving. Mr. Leary moved to table discussion of the appointments in a worksession.

COUNCIL ACTION: The resolution was tabled until the November 12th worksession.

11. Discussion of Council Of Government's Resolution on Reformulated Gasoline Program

Motion was made by Mr. Douglas to endorse COG's position; seconded by Mr. Prensky.

Mr. Sharp said at the COG September monthly meeting the City was asked to take a position on the use of reformulated gasoline. He explained that reformulated gasoline had features which reduced pollution in a cost-effective way. There was a chart which showed the approximate cost per ton of pollutants reduced by using reformulated gasoline which could be seen in relative terms as compared to other things, e.g., the inspections program. He said the opt-in position was that since reformulated gasoline would cost more, it could not be put in the market and have it compete with other gasolines which cost less. If the Washington/Metropolitan Area opted to use it as a way of meeting their goals for clean air, it would become the only type of gasoline that could be sold in that region and therefore there would be no cost differential and people would buy reformulated gasoline. He said COG passed the resolution and asked its member governments to consider and pass it as well.

COUNCIL ACTION: Mr. Douglas made a motion to endorse the COG position and make Council's position known to the appropriate people; seconded by Mr. Elrich. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Takoma Old Town Development Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Douglas indicated that the Newsletter publication date was November 16th and he needed a public hearing date to advertise in the article when the Council would take a position on the Report. The Council agreed to schedule this for November 18th.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Council convened at 11:05 p.m. to reconvene on Monday November 14, 1991.

Introduced by: Councilmember Douglas
(Drafted by: P. Jewell)

RESOLUTION #1991-82

APPOINTING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE NEWSLETTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, On October 14th, the City Council appointed by Resolution 1991-77, four persons to the Newsletter Review Committee to review the operations of the Newsletter on a semi-annual basis; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appoint two additional members to the Newsletter Review Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council hereby appoints the additional persons below to serve on the Newsletter Review Committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. Ruth Harwood	706 Sligo Creek Parkway
2. David Prosten	6625 Eastern Avenue

Dated this 28th day of October, 1991.

Introduced by: Councilmember Leary
(Drafted by W. Hobbs/P. Jewell)

RESOLUTION # 1991 - 83

ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR RECRUITING AND SELECTING A CITY ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, James S. Wilson, Jr. has announced his plans to retire from municipal public service effective on May 1, 1992 after seven years as Takoma Park City Administrator; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a process to recruit and hire a new City Administrator using the most efficient, economical, and expedient use of in-house and outside resources and incorporating involvement from the Takoma Park Community; AND

WHEREAS, since early August, the City Council has held a number of worksessions to discuss a selection process, have consulted with other former and current municipal officials, who have undertaken similar processes, and have met with representatives from four executive search firms; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council has sought out and received input from the Citizens of Takoma Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Takoma Park, Maryland that: the process, as herein outlined, will be followed in the recruiting, selecting and hiring of a new City Administrator.

STEP 1: DETERMINING THE RECRUITMENT/SELECTION PROFILE

a. The Personnel Officer will develop a draft profile on the basis of interviews with community members (e.g. neighborhood association leaders, business leaders, past/present members of city committees/task forces), past/present elected officials, past/present/staff, city charter and so on.

b. There will be a public review of and comment on draft profile at a Council meeting and written comments and public input solicited through Newsletter, and other means.

c. The City Council will decide on the final version of profile, and establish a salary range.

STEP 2: RECRUITMENT

- a. The Personnel Officer and the Citizen's Advisory Committee will pro-actively solicit candidates that meet the profile.
- b. The Personnel Officer will place advertisements in appropriate journals, newsletters, newspapers, and so on.
- c. The search will be limited to the East Coast, especially if cost is significant in wider recruitment.

STEP 3: EVALUATION BY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE


- a. A Citizens' Advisory Committee (of about 8 members) will be established to review applications and winnow them to around 10-15 semi-finalists (exact number to be decided by the Committee). The committee may choose to conduct telephone interviews on some of the candidates in order to choose the semi-finalists.
- b. The Committee may conduct telephone reference checks of the final 10-15 semi-finalists selected by the Citizens' Advisory Committee .
- c. The Citizens' Advisory Committee will winnow the list to around 5 finalists (exact number to be decided by the Committee) and refer the list to the City Council. The Committee will also provide the Council a list of all the semi-finalists.
- d. The Personnel Officer will serve as staff to Citizens' Advisory Committee and provide liaison with the City Council.

STEP 4: SELECTION BY CITY COUNCIL

- a. The Personnel Officer or his designee will be responsible for conducting detailed background checks on each finalist.
- b. The City Council will conduct in-person interviews with each of the finalist.
- c. The City Council will select the new City Administrator and negotiate a contract with the new City Administrator.

Dated this 28th Day of October, 1991.

ATTEST:


Paula S. Jewell, CMC
City Clerk

Introduced By: Councilmember Leary
(Drafted by: P. Jewell)

1st Reading: 10/14/91
2nd Reading: 10/28/91
Effective: 10/28/91

ORDINANCE #1991-37

INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS

WHEREAS, on 7/18/91, speed humps were inadvertently installed on Boston Avenue prior to action by the City Council; AND

WHEREAS, the City Council has taken into consideration citizens' comments received during a public hearing held on this date.

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

SECTION 1. THAT Ordinance No. 2676, adopted June 27, 1983, be amended by the addition of new subsections to Section 1, as set forth below:

Section 1. That speed hump installations at the following location are hereby ratified:

(a) Boston Avenue, between Philadelphia and Takoma Avenues, four (4) speed humps to be placed adjacent to 402, 416, 502 and 512 Boston Avenue.

SECTION 2. THAT funds to cover these installations be appropriated from Capital Expenditures, Account 9100-8001.

SECTION 3. THAT this Ordinance is effective retroactive to the date of installation July 18, 1991.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1991 BY ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE: Douglas, Hamilton, Leary, Porter

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Moore, (for Vote Elrich, Prensky)

Introduced by: Councilmember Elrich

Drafted by: V. VinCola
and L. Perlman

Adopted: October 28, 1991

RESOLUTION NO. 1991-84

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A LOAN OF \$40,000 IN
UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE FUNDS TO THE 7611 MAPLE AVENUE TENANTS
ASSOCIATION, INC TO ASSIST WITH THE ACQUISITION EXPENSES ASSOCIATED
WITH THE TENANT-SPONSORED PURCHASE OF 7611 MAPLE AVENUE**

WHEREAS, a large segment of the population of the City of Takoma Park is tenants; AND

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of decent, sanitary, and safe housing available for purchase in the City which tenants of low and moderate income can afford; AND

WHEREAS, tenant-sponsored purchases of multi-family residential buildings provide tenants of low and moderate income with an opportunity to purchase decent and affordable housing, thus helping to maintain neighborhood stability and economic diversity in the City; AND

WHEREAS, converting multi-family residential buildings in the City to tenant ownership will result in better maintained buildings, less residential turnover, and will reduce the number of absentee landlords and owners; AND

WHEREAS, 7611 Maple Avenue is presently owned by the Housing Opportunities Commission which is exempt from property taxes, and acquisition of such a building by the tenant organization will return that building to the City tax rolls and increase City tax revenues; AND

WHEREAS, the 7611 Maple Avenue Tenants Association is unable to secure all of the necessary financing from private lenders for the acquisition of their building or can only obtain such financing at prohibitive interest rates and on unsatisfactory terms and conditions; AND

WHEREAS, many tenants of low and moderate income lack sufficient income or assets to enable them, without assistance, to purchase units in 7611 Maple Avenue; AND

WHEREAS, the Council supports the efforts of the tenants of 7611 Maple Avenue who have organized to acquire the property and the Council would like to be able to offer financial assistance to

such tenants; AND

WHEREAS, the Council declares that making a loan to the 7611 Maple Avenue Tenants Association from Unappropriated Reserve funds serves a public purpose and promotes the peace, health and general welfare of the City and its citizens.

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

Section 1. The City Administrator or the City Administrator's designee is hereby authorized and empowered to make a loan in the principal sum of \$40,000 for a term of five years and at an interest rate of 7.7 percent per annum from the Unappropriated Reserve of the City of Takoma Park to the 7611 Maple Avenue Tenants Association, Inc ("Borrowers") to be used to acquire the real property known as 7611 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland ("Property"). The loan its terms and conditions shall be evidenced by a loan agreement, promissory note, Deed of Trust on the property, and by such other documentation considered necessary by the City Administrator or the City Administrator's designee.

Section 2. The making of this loan to Borrowers is subject to and conditioned upon the following:

- a. State of Maryland tax exempt bond financing a first trust loan to the Borrowers in the amount of \$3.15 million for the Borrowers' acquisition of the property;
- b. Receipt, review, and approval by the City Administrator or the City Administrator's designee, of the Borrowers' projected monthly cash flow statement for the property; and
- c. Receipt, review, and approval by the City Administrator or the City Administrator's designee of Borrowers' plans and specifications and the architect or engineer's inspection report for rehabilitation of the property, and for the conversion of the property to cooperative housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this authorization shall expire on December 31, 1991.

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF October, 1991.

Introduced by:
Councilmember Douglas

RESOLUTION #1991-85

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has provided City Council with a written determination outlining the basis for the emergency procurement of a leaf grinder machine from Burrows Enterprises, Inc. as required by Section 9A-13(c) of the City Code; AND

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has provided City Council with a written determination on the basis for selection of a Burrows Enterprises as the vendor of choice for the purchase of a leaf grinder machine as required by Section 9A-13(c) of the City Code; AND

WHEREAS, the Public Works Director has solicited cost proposals from at least three (3) qualified sources as per Section 9A-13(c) of the City Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK in the manner prescribed by the City Code, does hereby accept the report of the City Administrator and declares this procurement to be an emergency procurement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council does instruct that an Ordinance be prepared for Council action awarding the purchase contract to Burrows Enterprise, Inc.

Adopted this 28th day of October, 1991.

1st Reading: 10/21/91
2nd Reading: 10/28/91

Introduced: Councilmember Douglas

Ordinance No. 1991-40

- WHEREAS, leaf collection is an essential City service; AND
- WHEREAS, a concerted effort is being made to improve leaf collection during fiscal year 1992; AND
- WHEREAS, residents in the Oswego-Ritchie Avenue area and Mrs. Montez Boatman, President of the Ritchie Avenue Citizens Association, met with the Public Works Director on September 26 to complain about the leaf composting operation at the City leaf composting facility, citing the smell as a unhealthy condition in their neighborhood; AND
- WHEREAS, these same residents have stated that the current operations create a health hazard for nearby neighbors with the smell emanating from the leaf mulch, constituting for them an emergency situation; AND
- WHEREAS, one factor contributing to the odor and its adverse impact on the quality of life for certain residents is the limited area available for leaf composting in the City; AND
- WHEREAS, among other measures to improve leaf collection service is the capability of mechanically grinding leaves with a consequent elimination of the odor and a reduction in the volume of leaves to more effectively utilize the existing leaf composting area; AND
- WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has explored the availability of readily available mechanical grinding equipment in the absence of competitive bidding because of the urgency in establishing a leaf grinding capability within the next three weeks in preparation for the upcoming leaf collection and to eliminate the odor from the existing mulch; AND
- WHEREAS, after a search of local and national vendors, a tub grinder of adequate capacity has been found to be available at a price of \$12,500; AND
- WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined that the price of \$12,500 is considered to be fair and reasonable; AND

- WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has determined that the purchase of a 4-ton dump truck previously authorized in the FY 92 capital budget in the budgeted amount of \$25,000, can be deferred to FY 93 without substantial deleterious impact to the Public Works Department; AND
- WHEREAS, \$8,301 was saved from the purchase of a recycling truck from an originally authorized the amount of \$50,000; AND
- WHEREAS, the total identified funds, from a deferred purchase of a 4 ton dump truck and from savings from an authorized purchase, exceed the proposed purchase price of a leaf grinder (\$12,500) and a separate Power Take Off (at an estimated cost of \$7,000); AND
- WHEREAS, potential exists for reimbursement from the State of Maryland for the purchase of a mechanical leaf grinder and a Power Take Off unit; AND
- WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works is confident that this equipment will contribute to the elimination of objectionable odors emanating from the leaf composting site which will enhance the quality of life and healthful living conditions of citizens residing in the vicinity of the composting operation; AND
- WHEREAS, the consequence of not acting quickly to manage the existing leaf composting and prepare for additional leaf collection in the next three weeks, with equipment of this nature will constitute continuation of unhealthy conditions for the residents of Oswego, Ritchie Avenues and the Park Ritchie apartments and add non-productive expenditures to dispose of leaves outside the borders of the City, at a cost estimated to be greater than \$15,000.
- WHEREAS, the City Administrator has provided City Council with a written determination outlining the basis for the emergency procurement of a leaf grinder and Power Take Off unit as required by Section 9A-13(c) of the City Code; AND
- WHEREAS, the City Administrator has provided City Council with a written determination on the basis for selection of the particular contractor as required by Section 9A-13(c) of the City Code.
- WHEREAS, proposals have been solicited from at least three (3) qualified sources as per the City Code.

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

- Section 1. THAT an emergency procurement is authorized for the purchase of a Roto Grind Tub Grinder directly from the manufacturer, Burrows Enterprises, Inc., 6340 West 10th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80634 in the amount of TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,500).
- Section 2. THAT the source of funds for this procurement shall be the funding previously authorized in the Public Works FY 92 capital equipment budget for a 4-Ton dump truck.
- Section 3. THAT procurement of a 4-Ton dump truck shall be deferred for consideration as a FY 93 capital equipment budget item.
- Section 4. THAT the Director of Public Works is authorized to pursue a State grant for the purchase of a tub grinder an peripheral equipment as reimbursement for City expenditures on leaf composting.

Adopted this 28th day of October, 1991, on a roll call vote as follows:

AYE: DOUGLAS, ELRICH, HAMILTON, LEARY, PORTER, PRENSKY
NAY: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Introduced by:
(Drafted by: P. Jewell)
(Revised 10/25/91)

1st Reading: 10/14/91
2nd Reading: 10/28/91

ORDINANCE 1991-39

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

SECTION 1. THAT the persons named below, all registered voters of the City of Takoma Park, are hereby designated as Judges to serve as a Board of Election for the November 5, 1991 City Election:

- (1) Ellie Irby, 7600 Maple Avenue #1206
- (2) Helen T. Johnston, 7051 Carroll Avenue, #1013
- (3) Claire B. Kozel, 7804 Wildwood Drive
- (4) Jennifer V. Magnus, 7310 Cedar Avenue
- (5) Rein Parris, 7620 Maple Avenue
- (6) Harold Alston, 7710 Maple Avenue, #105
- (7) Virginia Jenkins, 32 Columbia Avenue
- (8) William A. Thompson, 1201 Kirkland Avenue
- (9) Patricia Vucich, 717 Sligo Creek Parkway #304
- (10) Karen O'Neill, 500 Ethan Allen Avenue
- (11) Billie M. Dyhouse, 7051 Carroll Avenue #617
- (12) Marvel A. Werner, 17 Darwin Avenue
- (13) Verne Wilson, 907 Davis Avenue
- (14) Mildred E. Riley, 7315 Wildwood Drive
- (15) Tanya Jones, 601 Hudson Avenue, #206
- (16) Martin Wooster, 8624 Flower Avenue
- (17) Genie Sidwell, 7209 Spruce Avenue
- (18) Paul Weisbord, 6753 Eastern Avenue
- (19) Carol Beth Baker, 12 Sherman Avenue
- (20) Pearl Blacksin, 652 Kennebec Avenue
- (21) Patricia Zerne, 7302 Garland Avenue
- (22) Ingrid Zerne, 7302 Garland Avenue
- (23) June Aloi, 14 Sherman Avenue
- (24) Valerie Tonat, 7222 Spruce Avenue

SECTION 2. THAT this Ordinance becomes effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of October, 1991 by Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYE: Douglas, Elrich, Leary, Porter, Prensky
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Hamilton, Moore

October 30, 1991

TO : Distribution Noted Below
VIA : James S. Wilson, Jr. City Administrator
FROM : Paula S. Jewell, CMC City Clerk *Paula Jewell*
SUBJECT: October 21, 1991 Worksession, Special Session and Executive Session

DEPARTMENT HEADS: PLEASE READ EACH ITEM CAREFULLY FOR MATTERS THAT MAY PERTAIN TO YOUR DEPARTMENTS.

Worksession

- [] 1. Discussion of Open Space Plan - Mayor Sharp discussed the growing concerns over the state cut-backs and suggested that the City develop a plan that leads to City funding for purchases of open space. The plan would begin with resuming the inventory of open space properties in the City. DHCD to brief Council at a future worksession on what is in the inventory so far, and, in general, what work has been done on the plan over the past several years. Article to go in the December Newsletter to obtain indications from citizens and businesses about the areas they would identify as being worth developing as open space.
- [] 2. Report From Old Town Development Advisory Committee - Councilmember Douglas explained that nearly all future development in the Old Town area will take place in the District of Columbia and the report recommends that assurances be made about future development so that the best interests of the communities in the Old Town area in Takoma Park and the D.C. The Committee is looking for the Council's acceptance and endorsement of the Report and would take some public comment on it as well. Jeff Henig gave an overview of the operating premises of the Committee and Tony Giancola shared his observations on the process and the Report. COUNCILMEMBER DOUGLAS to coordinate advertising a summary of the Report for the November Newsletter. Copies of the Report should also be sent to community and business associations. The next Council can decide when to schedule a public meeting on the Report.

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- [] 3. Article 7 (Including Rent Petition Standards - DHCD recommended that the Council discuss four points raised as staff responses to the Council's previously agreed upon changes to Article 7. The Council agreed with DHCD's comments for follow up on the points raised. Regarding point #4, Council agreed that 70% is the right number but this needs to be documented. In addition, DHCD needs to consider other alternatives or options on how to run the COLTA process differently and staff suggested administrative findings, which would then only go to COLTA on an appeal basis. Councilmember Prenskey suggested that a network of tenant associations be developed, which could help properly administer the law. Regarding rent rollbacks, STAFF to address whether these can be taken as "deducts". CORPORATION COUNSEL to come back with proposals on the transition issues. Council agreed that COLTA needs to look at their rules to ensure concurrence with the proposed new law.

The Council will discuss the remaining issues of the rent petition standards models at the 11/4/91 worksession. General feeling that this Council should complete this portion of Article 7. Second reading of the full Article 7 is scheduled for November 12, 1991 Council Meeting. COUNCILMEMBERS who have any other issues they'd like addressed should contact DHCD directly.

- [] 4. Future Public Hearing on the Newsletter - There was some disagreement between Councilmembers on whether there was real sentiment expressed by the public for discontinuing operation of the Newsletter. The Council discussed whether the issue should be looked at now or during planning for the budget. General agreement that it would be important to discuss and make a decision about what is the appropriate role of a City sponsored Newsletter. The Newsletter Review Committee is expected to report back to the new Council on 11/18/91. The Report will be made available to the public on 11/18 and a Notice should be advertised on upcoming mailed agendas, as well as on the Cable Bulletin Board, that a public hearing will be held on 11/25/91.
- [] 5. WACO Traffic Plan - Proposed Preliminary Action - The Council discussed the issues raised in LISA SCHWARTZ'S memo. Consensus that the Council is not at this stage going forward with the core plan proposed by WACO, but they are not rejecting it either. Concern that there needs to be some criteria for measuring the need for

specific traffic measures and some discussion on how to deal with other related issues that will come forth in the future. DHCD to figure out how to do the traffic counts and obtain information on vehicle origin and destination and make recommendations to the Council so that they will have some basis for evaluating the merits of the core proposal. These recommendations can lead in to discussions of a City-wide traffic plan on 11/4/91. Arthur Karpas of WACO will also report on his 10/28 meeting with members of the community at the 11/4 Worksession.

- [] 6. City Administrator Selection Process - Councilmember Porter and PERSONNEL OFFICER HOBBS reported on the reference checks they conducted on the three Executive Search Firms (ESFs). There was some discussion on whether MR. HOBBS should draft the profile. Council voted 6 to 1 in a straw vote question on whether the ESF should do any role in the process (Elrich voted Nay). Council voted 4 to 3 in a straw vote question on whether the ESF should do a profile. (Elrich, Moore, Leary voted Nay). Council voted 6 to 1 to go with the revised proposal from Slavin, Nevins & Associates (Elrich voted Nay). Councilmember Porter noted that the provision for contract negotiations would have to be renegotiated with Slavin, and have a provision added that allows the City the right to put back in the process some candidates that made it to the semi-finalists stage. MR. HOBBS to clarify these points with the firm. MR. HOBBS and CITY CLERK to prepare a Resolution for the Council's consideration on 10/28 that would adopt the City Administrator Selection Process. Also, make available to the public on 10/28 MR. HOBBS September 9th (date ?) memo along with the timetable.

Advertise in the November issue of the Newsletter that there will be an opportunity in mid November for citizens to schedule time to come in and meet with the ESF to give their input on formulating a draft profile.

- [] 7. 7611 Maple Avenue Re-Authorization - (Councilmember Hamilton recused himself from the discussion on this matter). DHCD had only recently received a request from the representative of the 7611 Tenants' Association to lower the rate of interest charged on the loan funds because of reductions in the original interest rate earned on City funds. After discussion on the

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fluctuating costs of the City's money over the 5 year loan term, consensus to accept DHCD's recommendation to use an adjustable rate note if feasible, and cap the interest rate at 3 points above 7 percent. DHCD to modify the Resolution to show the change to 7% to be adjusted every 12 month period to reflect the prior 12 month City rate experience. Resolution scheduled for Council consideration on 10/28/91.

- [] 8. Discussion Re: Televising Council Worksessions - Councilmember Leary moved to remove this item from discussion and let the next Council decide the issue of taping all future worksessions. The motion was accepted by a 4 to 2 vote (Elrich and Prensky voted Nay).
- [] 9. Reformulated Gasoline Program - At the 10/28 meeting, the Council will discuss whether they will participate in COG's efforts urging Maryland and Virginia Governors and the Mayor of D.C., to request the United States EPA to allow other jurisdictions to be accepted into the reformulated gasoline program.
- [] 10. Additional Agenda Item - Cable Television Issue - Councilmember Leary commented that this Council should decide this issue. CITY ADMINISTRATOR WILSON noted that the contract was in CORPORATION COUNSEL'S hands for legal review, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Cable Board had a copy as well. CITY CLERK JEWELL clarified that Ordinance #1990-32, adopted by the Council on 6/11/90, which amended the City Code Section regarding Cable Television functions and composition, clearly states that the Cable Board shall cease to exist on November 5, 1991 and that therefore a Cable Board election would not need to be held on 11/5. MR. WILSON to distribute copies of the Cable Board Contract to the Council in their 10/23/91 packages.
- [] 11. Special Session Re: Emergency Procurement to Rectify the Leaf Compost Facility Health Problem - Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Council convened into Special Session at 11:33 P.M. to discuss a Resolution declaring an emergency situation as prescribed by the City Code and authorizing an emergency procurement to be made to handle the health problem created by the leaf compost facility. Councilmember Douglas moved that Ordinance #1991-40 be accepted at first reading (seconded by Mr. Leary), authorizing an emergency procurement of a tub grinder from Burrows Enterprises, Inc. for \$12,500. The

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Ordinance also authorizes the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS to pursue a State grant for the purchase of a tub grinder and peripheral equipment as reimbursement for City expenditures on leaf composting. The Resolution is scheduled for Council consideration on 10/28. The Ordinance is scheduled for second reading and adoption also on 10/28.

- [] 12. Executive Session - Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Council convened into Executive Session at 11:40 P.M., to discuss a litigation and personnel matter.

Copies to: City Council
City Administrator Wilson
Assistant City Administrator Habada
Personnel Officer Hobbs
Corporation Counsel
Housing & Comm. Dev. (Grimmer, Schwartz, VinCola, Ross)
Public Works (Knauf, Laster, Braithwaite)
Police Dept. (Fisher, Wortman, Young, Rosenthal)
Recreation Department
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October 30, 1991

TO : Distribution Noted Below

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

FROM : Paula S. Jewell, CMC
City Clerk *Paula Jewell*

SUBJECT: October 28, 1991 Regular Council Meeting and Executive Session

DEPARTMENT HEADS: PLEASE READ EACH ITEM CAREFULLY FOR MATTERS THAT MAY PERTAIN TO YOUR DEPARTMENTS.

AGENDA

- [] 1. Additional Items (Re: Staff Follow-Up) - Taping of Council Worksessions - Councilmember Elrich made a motion (seconded by Councilmember Prensky) to add to the evening's agenda, a discussion on the issue of cable taping all Council worksessions. The motion failed by a 3 to 2 vote (Councilmember Hamilton abstained; Mr. Moore was absent). The majority of the Council expressed concern that this is an issue that the new Council ought to decide. Mr. Hamilton asked the CITY ADMINISTRATOR to provide a fiscal note on this issue.
- [] 2. Additional Appointments to the Newsletter Review Committee - Resolution #1991-82 passed unanimously, appointing Ruth Harwood and David Prosten to the Newsletter Review Committee. CITY CLERK to send letters to these members notifying them of the appointment.
- [] 3. Resolution Establishing Selection Procedures for City Administrator Position - The Council heard comments from a number of citizens who expressed concern about the City's proposal to hire an executive search firm to assist in recruiting a new City Administrator. Councilmember Porter moved that the Resolution be tabled until the next Council is on board; the motion failed for lack of a second. Councilmember Leary withdrew an earlier motion and revised it with a motion to assign all of the duties that the search firm would have done to the PERSONNEL OFFICER; with some of the tasks to be with assistance from a citizens committee. The final amended

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language was proposed by Ms. Porter and passed unanimously by the Council (including an amendment to strike the last Whereas clause of the Resolution. Resolution #1991-83 was unanimously passed, as amended. Council would like an updated timetable from the PERSONNEL OFFICER for discussion at the 11/4/91 Worksession.

- [] 4. 1st Reading Ordinance Awarding Contract to Executive Search Firm - (Removed from agenda)
- [] 5. 2nd Reading Ordinance Re: Boston Avenue Speed Humps - Ordinance #1991-37 passed unanimously on second reading (Elrich, Moore and Prensky absent), codifying the action taken by PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, when speed humps were installed on Boston Avenue this summer prior to any action by the Council. Councilmember Douglas commented on the 10/14/91 allegation made by Dundalk resident Leroy Brown regarding some damage done to his lawn by PUBLIC WORKS. The DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS looked into the allegation and determined that minimal damage had occurred in June 1991 but was repaired within three days of the damage. Mr. Douglas asked that this response to Mr. Brown's allegation be reflected in the record.
- [] 6. Glenside Avenue Speed Humps - Mr. Douglas noted that Councilmember Moore (absent this Council meeting) had asked that this item (Ordinance #1991-38, accepted for first reading on 10/14/91) be pulled from the agenda because the Glenside Avenue neighbors were working on a neighborhood traffic plan as an alternative to speed humps. The residents of Glenside would be meeting at Winnie Knaup's home on November 6th to discuss this.
- [] 7. Re-Authorization of Loan to 7611 Maple Avenue Tenant's Association - Mr. Hamilton recused himself from this discussion and noted for the record that he was a tenant and currently has a one-year lease before he can purchase a unit in this building. Resolution #1991-84 was unanimously passed (Hamilton abstained; Moore absent). This Resolution authorizes a loan of \$40,000 at 7.7% interest, in unappropriated reserve funds to the Tenants Association to assist with the acquisition expenses associated with the tenant-sponsored purchase of 7611 Maple Avenue.

- [] 8. Declaration of Emergency Procurement - Resolution #1991-85 was unanimously passed, accepting the report of the CITY ADMINISTRATOR that the procurement of a leaf grinder machine is an emergency procurement to take care of the health problem created by the leaf pile on Oswego Avenue.
- [] 9. Ordinance Purchasing Leaf Grinder - Ordinance #1991-40 was unanimously adopted at second reading, authorizing the purchase of a Roto Grind Tub Grinder from Burrows Enterprises, Inc. for \$12,500. Mr. Douglas encouraged the CITY ADMINISTRATOR to consider other alternatives for handling the leaf pile, i.e., the suggestion MR. WILSON made about grinding leaves on site.
- [] 10. 1991 Election Judges - Ordinance #1991-39 was unanimously adopted at second reading (as revised), appointing 24 Election Judges to serve as a Board of Election for the November 5, 1991 City Election.
- [] 11. Recycling Task Force - Item was tabled to the November 12th meeting. The Council would like a recommendation from the RECYCLING COORDINATOR on whether the Committee can accommodate more than 4 members. (Nine citizens have expressed interest in serving). The Council will discuss these appointments at the November 4th worksession.
- [] 12. Discussion of Council of Government's Resolution on Reformulated Gasoline - Upon motion by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Prensky, the Council endorsed the COG Resolution regarding a provision for local governments to opt-in to reformulated gasoline programs. CITY CLERK to prepare transmittal letter to COG notifying them of the Council's position.
- [] 13. Additional Agenda Discussion - Old Town Development Advisory Report - Consensus reached that this Council will take a position on the Advisory Committee's Report (submitted at the 10/21 worksession) on November 18th.
- [] 14. Executive Session - Upon motion by Mr. Prensky, duly seconded by Ms. Porter, the Council convened into Executive Session to discuss a matter pertaining to the purchase of real estate.

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