

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
March 7, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 131,977.50
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	45,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	27,003.44
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,790.73
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>71,810.92</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 356,582.59</b>

**Present**

**Absent**

Thomas Richter, Mayor  
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem  
Lee Bowen, Commissioner  
Belinda Cowell, Commissioner  
Wade Dale, Commissioner  
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called upon Bill Few, resident, for public input. He said that he was there to ask what was going on with the Isabella Avenue drainage issue. He cited his correspondence from March 2015 which outlined his concerns about drainage. Mayor Richter asked Commissioner Bowen to address Mr. Few's concerns. Commissioner Bowen reviewed the situation saying that Hugh Sorrell, surveyor, was still working on designs and that after those final drawings were received, a meeting with the affected homeowners would be scheduled.

Mayor Richter called upon Leroy Scott, resident. Mr. Scott reported that Selden Taylor's dog had been shot at very close range with a BB gun. He said that he was present at the meeting to gain any information possible about the shooting. The Board members had not heard of the incident. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Scott for coming.

The minutes and financial report were approved after corrections to the text were made.

**Old Business**

No wake zone: Mayor Richter reported that this issue is no longer viable. He said that the City of Washington does not want to do it, and that NC Wildlife does not want to enforce it. Commissioner Nash asked if there had been any accidents at the location. Mayor Richter said that he had not heard of any accidents. Commissioner Nash moved to abandon efforts for a No Wake Zone. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Fire contract: Mayor Richter said that he had not heard from Bunyan to date. He also stated that the City of Washington had not sent a preliminary Fire/EMS contract for 2016-17 yet.

Fence ordinance violation: The mayor stated that the fence was out of compliance with the Zoning Ordinance and asked the clerk to send an application for a permit along with a reminder that the fence is out of compliance with regard to height.

North Shore resident's tree concerns: Mayor Richter reported that he, mayor pro tem Peacock, Mr. Wood, and James had successfully felled two of three trees. The third tree fell onto the North Shore resident's fence. The total repair cost to the fence was \$150.00.

DOT intersection at Edgewater and River Road: Commissioner Bowen did not have any update.

Zoning Ordinance corrections: Mayor Richter said that the corrections and public hearing would be tabled until a future meeting.

Washington Electric Utilities Advisory Board vacancy: Mayor Richter said that he would continue to ask residents to serve, but that he had no volunteers at this time.

Tractor repairs: Clerk Dale reported that the tractor repairs would be \$4000. Commissioner Nash made a motion to accept a budget ordinance amendment to increase the Transportation portion of the budget by \$4000 for tractor repairs and increase the Fund Balance appropriated by \$4000. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter asked for a motion to approve the Washington Electric Utilities' proposal to relocate wiring underground in Washington Park. Mayor pro tem Peacock made the motion to approve the underground wiring by WEU in Washington Park. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

### Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that Anita Purser, resident, had requested a 5K/10K and fun run on October 1, 2016 as a fundraiser for the Washington Montessori Public Charter School. The race will begin and end at Havens Gardens. Commissioner Dale made a motion to approve the request from Ms. Purser. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there were no calls to the Sheriff's Office this month.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – made a motion to adopt a Resolution to assign \$60,000 of fund balance for the purchase of a new garbage truck. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that a resident had called about the ditch behind the houses on Small and Bank Streets. He said that Mr. Wood would be looking at the ditch this week to see if it needed cleaning.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that Mr. Wood had called her about relocating three trees: one on Edgewater Drive, one on Worthy Point, and one behind the Municipal Building. Mr. Wood told her that there would be no cost. The move was approved by acclamation. Commissioner Nash said that Mr. Ford Worthy had contacted him about donating more live oak trees to Washington Park. The cost of transport would be

approximately \$250 per tree. Discussion followed. It was decided not to pursue this donation at this time.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk asked the Board members to have budget items for their respective areas of concern to the clerk, Mayor Richter, or Mayor pro tem Peacock prior to the next Board meeting. She reported that the mandatory Ethics Webinar would be available for \$150 purchase by the Town in June. She will keep the Board informed on this issue. She reported that the ad valorem taxes received in February were \$31,307.00. She asked the Board permission to buy a barely used pull-behind sweeper for the mower for \$150, saying that they were \$225 new. Approval was given by acclamation. The Clerk presented a Budget Ordinance Amendment to increase the Fund Balance Appropriation by \$400 and increase the Public Safety portion of the General Fund to accommodate the Fire and Safety Contract with the City of Washington for 2015-16. The clerk explained that this was a result of an increase in valuation. Commissioner Dale made a motion to adopt the Budget Ordinance Amendment as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

The clerk said that she had received a letter from the Mid-East Commission asking for a representative from Washington Park. Mayor Richter agreed to represent Washington Park for the Mid-East Commission.

The next meeting will be April 4, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park