

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
May 2, 2011  
7:30 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 74,839.69
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	18,775.10
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	13,620.65
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	116,957.29
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	107,650.71

**Total** **\$331,843.44**

**Present**

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem  
Lee Bowen, Commissioner  
Jim Pagnani, Commissioner  
Patrick Nash, Commissioner  
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

**Absent**

Mayor Thomas Richter

Mayor pro tem Peacock called the meeting to order. Changes to the agenda were proposed under New Business: the acceptance of William Oden, Jr., CPA as auditor for FY 2010-11, and a personnel matter. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to accept the changes to the agenda and approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock asked that the visitors be heard from first. Stella Thurston of 505 Fairview Avenue asked about the ditch behind her house and her three neighbors' houses. She said that the ditch was overgrown with weeds and grass and that the water could not flow. Commissioner Wilkinson said that he and Mr. Wood had looked at the ditch recently and that as soon as the water receded, the workers would weed-eat it. Mr. Wood added that he had recently acquired his aquatic herbicide license and would monitor the ditch plant growth.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on Catherine Glover from the Washington Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce. She asked that the Town of Washington Park agree to the use of the waterfront and Town streets for the Olympic and Sprint Triathlon on July 30, 2011 and the Half-Ironman Triathlon on October 29, 2011. She said that the number of participants would be limited to 300 for the Sprint & Olympic Triathlon and 200 for the Half-Ironman Triathlon. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the use of the Park for the Olympic & Sprint Triathlon and the Half-Ironman Triathlon. Commissioner Pagnani seconded the motion. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on Marshall Taylor. Dr. Taylor said that he was concerned about the presence of apparently abandoned boats on the waterfront where the triathlons are held. He said that he felt that these boats not only posed

a safety hazard for participants, but also detracted from the beauty of Washington Park.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on John Crew, Chairman of the Planning Board. Mr. Crew reviewed the Planning Board report on an ordinance for fences. Mr. Crew stated that the Planning Board had met twice with Trey Smith of the Division of Community Planning. Mr. Crew stated that the dimensional requirements tend to be subjective and difficult to legislate, but that the Planning Board had come up with a proposed section on fences. Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Mr. Crew and the Planning Board for the work on the fence ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned outdoors to the shop area. Commissioner Wilkinson showed where the area in front of the shop was not draining, where the reject bins would be located, as well as where the ground needed to be graded away from the shop to prevent water entering the building.

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor pro tem Peacock. He called on Dylan Bowen to present his Washington High School Senior Project. Dylan provided an oral presentation and a printed review of the Tot-Lot equipment and appropriate safety standards. Each piece of equipment in the Tot-Lot was reviewed and evaluated. Commissioner Bowen will review the report and make recommendations for revisions to equipment and equipment placement.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on Mr. Wood for his report. Mr. Wood said that he and the men were working on the ditch east of the houses on Spruce Street. He also reported that all the equipment was working fine. He also reported that 26,640 pounds of garbage and 40,840 pounds of yard waste were transported this month.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved as corrected.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if the website was functional. The Clerk reported that it was working and that she had put the garbage pickup days on the calendar on the website.

Mayor pro tem Peacock asked if there was a motion to accept the work of the Planning Board. There was no motion.

Commissioner Pagnani asked about the proposed croquet/multi-purpose recreational area of the waterfront. Mayor pro tem Peacock reported that he and Mayor Richter had met with Mitch St. Clair regarding the leveling of a section 100' x 60' by tilling the area and then leveling it out with no extra fill for \$800. Then an additional \$300 for grass and hay for the area. Commissioner Pagnani noted that this was much more expensive than the original estimate of \$100 to sand the area to level it. Commissioner Wilkinson suggested that a survey be sent to residents to see how many would be using the area for croquet.

Discussion followed. Mayor pro tem Peacock suggested that the area near the tennis court be used for croquet and asked Commissioner Bowen to look into this.

Commissioner Bowen reported on the quotes received for the tennis court resurfacing. He also discussed the need to wait until June for the court asphalt surface to be correctly tempered prior to applying the next layer of resurfacing material. Because of this time frame, it was decided to delay the purchase of materials until the June meeting.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to approve a contract with William Oden, Jr., CPA, for the audit for 2010-2011 for \$4100. Commissioner Nash seconded the motion. Passed by all.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Pagnani – handed out a preliminary draft budget package. He asked Clerk Dale to e-mail the same information to the Board. He also asked that everyone look over the numbers and either call or e-mail him or the Clerk with questions and suggestions.

Commissioner Nash – reported that he spoke with the Sheriff's Department and that they are going to run new reports for Washington Park. This past month there were no law issues in Washington Park.

Commissioner Wilkinson – reported that he had asked Ricky Sutton Paving and Mitch St. Clair to provide estimates for several streets. To fix the broken concrete, remove tree roots, backfill, pave and widen the road on the eastbound 200 and 300 blocks of Riverside Drive, the estimate is \$18,319. To repair the north side of the 300 block of College Avenue where the road is about a foot lower than the sides, cut the shoulders down, widen, and pave that section, the estimate is \$11,250. There was also an estimate of \$7,744 to pave the north side of the 200 block of College Avenue. To reinstall the drainpipe in the culvert on the corner of Walnut Street and Riverside Drive, the estimate is \$1400. At the culvert in front of 116 Spruce Street, to install 40' of 12" pipe, backfill, and pave the estimate is \$1600. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion for Commissioner Wilkinson to proceed with the above mentioned projects, seeing if there is an improved price if all are done at the same time. Commissioner Nash seconded. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that all of the picnic tables had been power-washed and sanded. Four of the tables had been coated with marine-grade urethane on the top and sealer on the supporting structures. The remaining tables were sealer-coated with dates on the bottom of the tables for evaluation purposes. He stated that he would make a full review of Dylan's report making priorities for repair and relocation.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – stated that there is major erosion on the waterfront and that it is occurring in different places than ever noted before.

**Clerk's Report**

The Clerk pointed out the new bookcases in memory of Horace Cowell. She reported that the Economic Development Commission was paid \$500 for FY 2010-11. She also reported that First South Bank had lowered the checking account APY from .40% to .050%.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to go into closed session for a personnel matter. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Passed by all.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park