

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
June 6, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 105,617.11
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	60,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	26,510.17
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,892.08
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>71,908.92</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 344,928.28</b>

**Present**

Thomas B. Richter, Mayor  
Lee Bowen, Commissioner  
Belinda Cowell, Commissioner  
Wade Dale, Commissioner  
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

**Absent**

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem

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

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to open the public hearing on the FY 2016-17 Budget for the Town of Washington Park. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all. The clerk outlined the changes in the FY 2016-17 budget from FY 2015-16. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to close the public hearing on the FY 2016-17 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Commissioner Dale made a motion to adopt the FY 2016-17 budget and set the tax rate at 29 cents per \$100 of valuation. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Del Miltenberger, resident, asked about staffing issues for garbage pickup and daily maintenance. Mayor Richter assured him that there were temporary day personnel available and on call to help maintain the Park's grounds.

The minutes and financial report were approved.

**Old Business**

Isabella Avenue drainage: Commissioner Bowen said that the plan should be finished up next week at Hugh Sorrell's office.

DOT intersection at Edgewater and River Road: Commissioner Bowen said that he had received a copy of the email correspondence to the clerk from NCDOT saying that there would be no left turn changes at the intersection. The issue is finalized and will be removed from the agenda.

Zoning Ordinance corrections: this subject is still on hold pending recommendations from the Planning Board.

Fence ordinance proposed amendment: Mayor Richter reported that he had heard from John Crew and had forwarded his comments to the Board. Commissioner Nash said that he had not received those comments. Mayor Richter asked the clerk to forward them to the Board for review at the next meeting.

Mayor Richter discussed how River Road is different from other roads in Washington Park and volunteered to measure distances from the curb to residences on River Road. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Commercial district permitted uses amendment: Mayor Richter said that he had spoken with Mr. Fuchs about his desire to build a four or five bay strip center at the Hardware Store property and his proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to increase the number of permitted uses for commercial property. Discussion followed. Commissioner Cowell voiced her concern about traffic patterns at that location. Commissioner Nash asked if the Planning Board had reviewed the proposed amendment. Mayor Richter said that he had received a letter of resignation from Planning Board Chairman John Crew. Mayor Richter will contact the current Planning Board members to see if they would continue on the Planning Board.

Mayor Richter said that he would produce a Summer 2016 Town Crier addressing various issues: budget adoption and tax rate, hardware store property, vehicle break-ins, tennis keys, hurricane season preparation, etc.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported that Allison Ward of 202 Isabella Avenue had called the clerk requesting the use of the Tot Lot for a picnic for students from Eastern Elementary School, as Havens Gardens was unavailable. He said that there will be a wedding ceremony on the waterfront on June 25, 2016 at 5:00 pm. This event is sponsored by Jim Pagnani. Commissioner Dale requested that the playground equipment be painted.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there had been seven vehicle break-ins and one theft of a vehicle on Isabella Avenue<sup>3</sup> on May 24 and May 25. The vehicle that was stolen was later found wrecked. All of the vehicles involved had been unlocked.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the clerk had received speed hump requests from residents at 100 Hickory Street and 202 Isabella Avenue. He said that he would be evaluating these requests. Discussion followed regarding alternative speed reduction devices.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that the Taylors had replaced the maple tree at the corner of Pine Street and Riverside Drive. She also reported that there were dense shrubs growing in front of some waterfront benches.

### **New Business**

There was no new business introduced.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that the Town had received \$1135.89 in ad valorem taxes and \$1957.53 in wine and beer taxes. She reported that Selden Taylor had applied for a

fence permit for a post-and-rail fence on the south side of Riverside Drive. She said that she had written a letter of Zoning Compliance for the residents at 216 College Avenue for a deck extension. The clerk reported that front tires were purchased for the garbage truck at a cost of \$712.41. She said that she had researched commercial liability, auto, wind/hail, and worker's compensation insurance and that Bragaw and NCLM continued to have the lowest rates for these services. The clerk recommended continuing with these insurance carriers for FY 2016-17.

The clerk gave the Supervisor's report. He has repaired the starter and ignition switch on the garbage truck. His upcoming project is to repaint the markings on the speed humps. James is on vacation from 6/8/16 through 6/14/16.

The clerk also reported that Ms. Pam Klinger had sent an email regarding the dangerous pilings close to the shore on Riverside Drive. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nash will contact NC Wildlife to see about posting cautionary signs.

The next meeting will be July 11, 2016. This is a rescheduled meeting because of the holiday observed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park