

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
October 3, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

United Bank	General Fund	\$ 351,511.80
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	82,100.00
United Bank	Powell Bill Checking	28,422.88
United Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	65,417.63
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	76,384.55
United Bank	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	<u>136,541.63</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 740,378.49</b>

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem

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

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to leave the meeting and go into a Public Hearing on the proposed Washington Park Land Use Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

There was no public present for the public hearing.

Commissioner Dale made a motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adopt the Washington Park Land Use Plan as presented, based on the recommendation of the Planning Board and the public. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Commissioner Dale. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

**Old Business**

320 Isabella Avenue: Clerk Dale reported that she had received no response to the Finding of Fact letter written by the City of Washington Building Inspector, Mike Weldin to the owner of the property with the decision. This letter was sent certified, return receipt. The property owner was given until October 27, 2022 to either (a) repair, alter, or improve the building in order to bring it into compliance with the Town Building Code, or (b) vacate, close, remove, or demolish the structure.

North side of Isabella Ave East end: no report.

Eastern Washington Park town boundary: Commissioner Bowen reported that Mr. Richardson had acknowledged receipt of the letter from the Town Attorney. There is no response as of this meeting.

Parking vehicles in the Town's rights-of-way: No report from the Planning Board yet. The clerk has reached out to the Planning Board Chairman, Seth Laughlin, who will have this issue presented at a future Planning Board meeting.

Washington Park tree cut on College Avenue: Mayor Richter is awaiting a valuation of the Washington Park pecan tree that was removed.

Washington Park waterfront trees cut down: Mayor Richter has asked Hudson Sign to prepare a sign with a picture of the trees that were cut on the Washington Park waterfront. The price will be around \$140. Commissioner Cowell made a motion to go ahead and have the sign printed and posted on the waterfront. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Montessori Charter School would be having a 5K run in conjunction with Smoke on the Water on October 22, 2022; that there are two weddings scheduled for the waterfront in 2023; and that he had asked the men to blow leaves off the tennis court weekly.

Commissioner Nash – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he had gone to Frischkorn to look at pipe for possible drainage use. He said that the resident at 505 Fairview Avenue will schedule her driveway work sometime in October using 6" diameter pipe.

Commissioner Bowen also said that he had spoken with the resident at 603 Isabella and informed him that the Town of Washington Park needed information in order to write Zoning Compliance letters regarding any outbuildings prior to a building permit being issued.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had spoken with Stuart Dudley regarding Spanish moss. She will also contact Releaf regarding trees for fall planting.

### **New Business**

Clerk Dale reported that there was a resident who was renting out a garage apartment in Washington Park. Discussion followed regarding single-family housing on single lots. Mayor Richter will write a letter to the resident apprising them of the violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that the Town had received \$4702.72 in ad valorem taxes; that a refund of \$795.00 from Bragaw Insurance had been received for the removal of an old vehicle on the Town policy; that local option sales tax was \$15,193.85; and that the franchise tax received was \$2,997.76. She reported that one tennis key had been sold;

that the Town auditor had visited on 9/26/22 and would be presenting her report at the November 14, 2022 meeting. Clerk Dale said that the first Powell Bill allocation had been received for \$7674.16; that the Debt Setoff Clearinghouse annual application had been completed; that the new garbage pickup policy would start 10/4/2022; and that she had received an inquiry for renovation of a boathouse and pier for the residence at 411 Isabella Avenue. The clerk reported that both the Capital Reserve CD and the Powell Bill CD were coming up for renewal in October and that she was investigating rates for renewal.

The clerk said that she had received further inquiries regarding the possibility of short-term rentals in Washington Park. She will send the Board minutes regarding the decision against short-term rentals, specifically Airbnb's and VRBOs, to the interested resident.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business, Mayor Richter adjourned the meeting.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park