

The Washington City Council met in a regular session on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Present were: Mac Hodges, Mayor; Bobby Roberson, Mayor Pro tem; Doug Mercer, Councilman; William Pitt, Councilman; Richard Brooks, Councilman; Larry Beeman, Councilman; Brian M. Alligood, City Manager; Cynthia S. Bennett, City Clerk and Franz Holscher, City Attorney.

Also present were: Matt Rauschenbach, Administrative Services Director/C.F.O.; Stacy Drakeford, Police & Fire Services Director; Robbie Rose, Fire Chief; Lynn Wingate, Tourism Director; Gloria Moore, Library Director; Susan Hodges, Human Resources Director; Kristi Roberson, Parks and Recreation Manager; Keith Hardt, Electric Utilities Director; John Rodman, Community & Cultural Services Director; David Carraway, Network Administrator and Mike Voss, Washington Daily News.

Mayor Hodges called the meeting to order and Councilman Pitt delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council approved the minutes of December 8, 2014 as presented.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

- Move from Consent Item E: Purchase Orders >\$20,000 (**discussed after approval of Consent Agenda**)

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council approved the agenda as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENT: 2014 SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS WINNERS (BETH BYRD)

(Winners will receive a \$50 credit on their utility bill.)

155 N. Market Street	Sonny Swanner and Staff	Select Bank & Trust
202 North Bridge Street	Preston Turner	Turner Pest Control
107 North Eden Drive	Dennis and Marilyn Grieve	
405 East Main Street	Geraldine Bennett	
630 Tarboro Street	The Beaufort County ARC home	
405 West 9 th Street	Allen Whitley III	

Ms. Byrd thanked the Washington Police Department for their assistance with this program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council approved the consent agenda as amended.

- A. Declare Surplus/Authorize – Declare Surplus and Authorize the sale of vehicles through electronic auction using GovDeals

<u>Vehicle #</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Odometer Reading</u>
565	2006 Ford Ranger Truck	1FTYR10U06PA60443	220,342
552	2000 Chevrolet Astro Van	1GNDM19W2YB185971	100,088
807	2001 Dodge Ram 2500 Truck	387KC26ZX1M262026	82,492
617	1996 Ford F800 Derrick Digger Tr.	1FDYF80C4TVA24427	86,351

- B. Adopt – Budget Ordinance and a Grant Project Amendment for the Airport Lighting Rehabilitation Grant

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECT
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C.
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

- Section 1. That account number 10-00-3991-9910, Fund Balance Appropriated, General Fund revenue appropriations budget be increased in the amount of \$9,901to

provide funds for transfer to the Airport Fund for the benefit of the Airport Rehabilitation Capital Project Grant Fund.

Section 2. That account number 10-00-4400-3700, Transfer to Airport Fund, Miscellaneous Non-departmental portion of the General Fund appropriations budget be increased in the amount of \$9,901 to provide the 10% local match for airport rehabilitation projects.

Section 3. That account number 37-90-3397-1000, Transfer from General Fund, Airport Fund revenue appropriations budget be increased in the amount of \$9,901 to provide funds for transfer to the Airport Rehabilitation Capital Project Grant Fund.

Section 4. That account number 37-90-4530-7100, Transfer to Airport Capital Project Fund, operations portion of the Airport Fund appropriations budget be increased in the amount of \$9,901 to provide the local grant match for airport rehabilitation projects.

Section 5. That the following appropriation account numbers be increased in the amounts shown in the Airport Rehabilitation Capital Project Grant Fund to account for grant funded rehabilitation projects at the airport:

71-90-4530-4500	Airport Rehabilitation	\$99,010
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Section 6. That the following revenue account numbers in the Airport Rehabilitation Capital Project Grant Fund be increased in the amounts shown:

71-90-3490-0003	Vision Grant 36237.38. tba	\$89,109
71-90-3397-0000	City Contribution – Transfer	<u>9,901</u>
		\$99,010

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 12th day of January, 2015.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett
City Clerk

s/Mac Hodges
Mayor

C. Accept/Adopt – Memorial Donation from the Washington High School Pam Pack Café' and Adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C.
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina:

Section 1. That account number 10-40-3611-8402, Library Contributions, General Fund revenue appropriations budget be increased in the amount of \$500 for a contribution received by the library.

Section 2. That account number 10-40-6110-5600, Materials, Brown Library portion of the General Fund appropriations budget be increased in the amount of \$500:

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 12th day of January, 2015.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett
City Clerk

s/Mac Hodges
Mayor

D. Adopt - Resolution fixing the date for a public hearing on the non-contiguous Annexation of the DCD Enterprises, Inc. property located on US Hwy 264 West containing 5.00 acres

**RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF ANNEXATION
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31**

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the non-contiguous area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the City Clerk as the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Washington, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the non-contiguous area described herein will be held at the City Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the municipal building located at 102 East 2nd Street at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015.

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

Being 5.0 acres of land noted on the site plan "Washington Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram" by J.S. Janowski Engineering dated October 20, 2014 and being located in Washington, NC, Beaufort County North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows.

See Attached Map

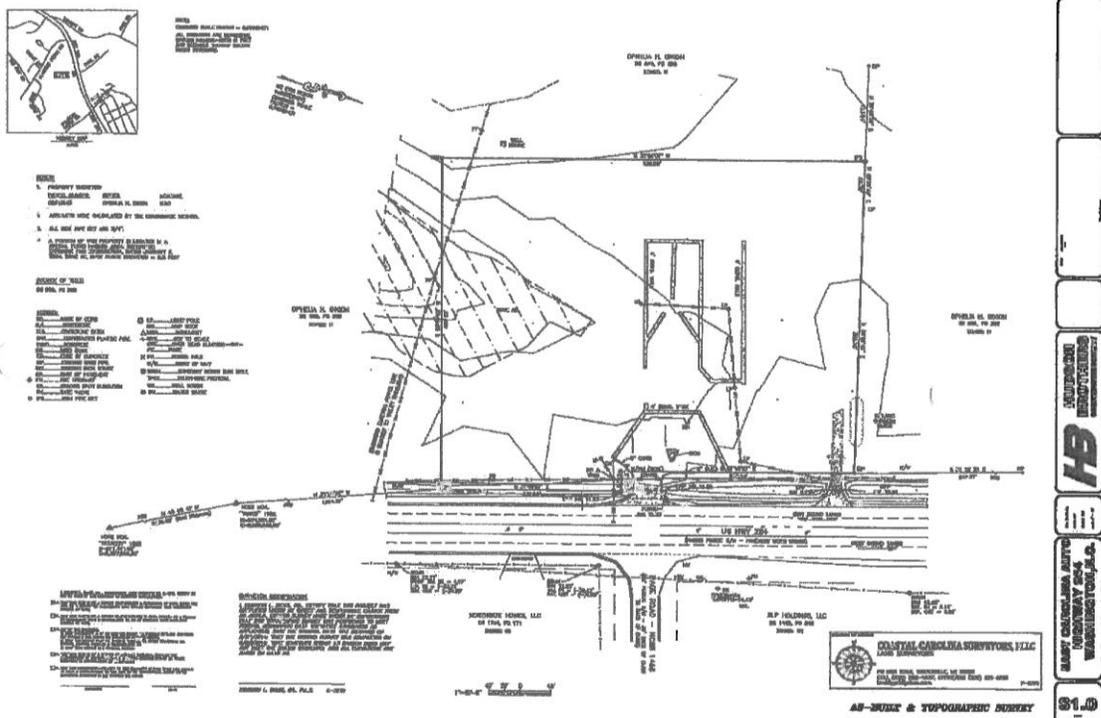
Together with and subject to covenants, easements and restrictions of record. Said property to be annexed contains 5.00 acres.

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published once in the Washington Daily News, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Washington, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett
City Clerk

s/Mac Hodges
Mayor



COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:
NEAL DIXON: GIRLS SOFTBALL

Neal Dixon representing the Girls Softball League requested that Council approve a modification to the league agreement with the City for the Spring 2015 season allowing the League to charge \$35 vs. \$25. The League is recognizing several cost factors for this upcoming season; namely, the purchase of additional scheduling software, creation of website, and increasing umpire fees. Councilman Pitt inquired when the will season start. Mr. Dixon responded registration starts January 22nd and the season will begin March 16th.

By motion of Councilman Beeman, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council approved amending the League contract with the Girls Softball League to allow the League to charge \$35 vs. \$25 by 4-1 vote with Councilman Mercer opposing. Councilman Beeman noted it is the same procedure that was followed for the Soccer League.

E. Removed from Consent (discussed after approval of Consent Agenda) Approve –
Purchase Orders > \$20,000

APPROVE – PURCHASE ORDERS >\$20,000 (Item E from Consent Agenda)

Councilman Mercer reviewed why he requested discussion on Item E from the Consent Agenda. The first two projects related to electric contracts for the coming year and the first purchase order stated wire was assigned to a “main substation exit project” but the capital plan and the budget showed no “main substation exit project”. Mr. Mercer questioned what the money would be used for and what project it is going to? Mr. Hardt stated it is located in the substation budget as 2nd and 5th street extensions and it should be in the substation 8370 budget but language from staff may have been labeled incorrectly.

Councilman Mercer voiced part of the next purchase order indicates it is for the Highway 17 North feeder rebuild and we do not have a project labeled Highway 17 North. Councilman Mercer requested having them corrected before approval.

Mr. Alligood explained the answer to Councilman Mercer could be found in the Electric Fund budget under substation maintenance and it is account number 35-90-8370-7401. It is the main substation 12kv Feeder Exit Rebuild located on page 381. According to Mr. Hardt there are 6 feeders that come out of that and we are doing those 4 which are listed: Clarks Neck, 5th Street, 2nd Street, and Hwy. 17 feeders. Councilman Mercer inquired about the poles in the next project. Mr. Hardt responded they are listed as two projects in the budget. Councilman Mercer had a question about the bucket truck. It is indicated that the monies will be available from other sources to make up the difference between the \$23,000 and the \$29,000 where will the money come from? Andy Pollard voiced funds from the truck being sold – surplus sale of the vehicle will be in the budget. Councilman Mercer inquired if the truck is no longer in service then how long has the truck been out of service – Mr. Pollard stated they had a loaner truck from an alternate vendor for 2 months.

- Requisition # 15530, \$65,232.40, to HD Supply Power Solutions to purchase underground cable for the main sub feeder exit project, account 35-90-8370-7400. HD Supply was the low bid at \$6.154/foot, the 2nd bidder was \$6.43.
- Requisition # 15556, \$54,982, to Westinghouse Electric Supply to purchase metal poles for the 2nd and 5th St. project, account 35-90-8390-7400. Westinghouse was the low bid. Others received were \$62,594 and \$66,842.
- Requisition # 15573, \$235,188, to Altec Industries to purchase a bucket truck to replace vehicle #617, account 35-90-8390-7400. \$230,000 was budgeted for the purchase. The balance required for the purchase will be available from remaining funds of other projects. The General Assembly approved G.S. 143-129(e)(3) as an exception which allows purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment from contracts of a competitive bidding group purchasing program, which is a formally organized program that offers competitively obtained purchasing services at discount prices to two or more public agencies. This purchase is through NJPA contract #31014.

- Requisition # 15576, \$29,929, to Air Cleaning Specialists Inc. to purchase a vehicle exhaust system for Fire Station #1, account 75-10-4341-7400.

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council approved the purchase orders as presented.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONTINUED:
PATTY PEEBLES – OPTIMIST CLUB SOCCER**

Ms. Peebles expressed she is representing the Optimist Club and the Recreation Soccer program. Ms. Peebles expressed their concern regarding the increase in Recreation Fee charges. Ms. Peebles reiterated items of concerns expressed in prior meetings.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND SPECIAL REPORTS:
MEMO – BUDGET TRANSFER – GENERAL FUND DOCK REALLOCATION**

(accepted as presented)

The Budget Officer transferred \$28,954 of funds between the Water Front Docks, Parks & Ground Maintenance, and Street Lighting departments of the General Fund appropriations budget to reallocate expenditures to the appropriate departments.

NC GS 159-15 states that this shall be reported to the Council at its next regular meeting and be entered in the minutes. Transfer request is attached:

	Department	Account Number	Object Classification	Amount
FROM:	10-40-6124	1300	Utilities	18,100
		1501	M/R Grounds	4,994
		3300	Dept. supplies	1,000
		7000	Non-cap. purchase	4,860
TO:	10 20 45 1 2	1300	UTILITIES	14,234
	10-40-6130	1300	Utilities	18,100 3,866
		1501	M/R Grounds	4,994
		3300	Dept. supplies	1,000
		7000	Non-cap. purchase	4,860

Councilman Mercer expressed concern with item A of the General Fund for dock reallocation. When we look at the reallocation numbers the indication is that we are transferring \$29,000 but when we go down to the sheet that shows expenditures for the dock area it indicates that you deleting \$39,000 and requested an explanation. Mr. Rauschenbach explained that in reviewing the accounts for the Waterfront Docks we learned that they were being charged for both water & sewer but should have been charged for water only on that particular account an adjustment was given. Councilman Mercer inquired about the original allocations of the financials stating we were allocating \$21,897 to the Dock facilities for their portion of Parks and Grounds Maintenance – should this allocation of \$21,897 change and Mr. Rauschenbach voiced all allocations for this department should be revisited.

REPORT – LOAD MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Load Management Device Installation Project Report

Project Start Date : October 2010

	December 2014	Project to Date	Current Saturation
Total Load Management Device Installations	37	3,170	
Total Accounts Added with Load Management	30	2,279	
Appliance Control Installations			
Air Conditioner / Heat Pump	26	2,368	49%
Auxiliary Heat Strip	13	1,166	49%
Electric Furnace	3	297	43%
Water Heater	25	1,807	53%
Total Encumbrances to Date			
Load Management Devices		\$ 130,600	
Contractor Installations		\$ 310,000	
Total Project Encumbrances		\$ 440,600	
Total Expenses to Date			
Load Management Device Purchases		\$ 130,600	
Contractor Installation Expenses	\$ 3,500	\$ 308,490	
Total Project Expenses		\$ 439,090	
Average Cost per Load Management Device Installed		\$ 138.51	
Average Installed Cost per Controlled Appliance		\$ 77.88	

Load Management Devices Remaining in Stock 330

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

HUMAN RELATIONS COUCIL REPORT (accepted as presented)

**Human Relations Council (HRC) Report for the month of December
 Monday, January 12, 2015 City Council Meeting**

MISSION STATEMENT

- To promote social and economic equality in the community, working with Local Government and other resources
- To appreciate the cultural and ethnic diversity of the citizens of Washington and Beaufort County
- To encourage citizens to live and work together in harmony and mutual respect

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Update – Housing Project ~ Board member Marc Recko: Board member Recko advised via email that BCCC and Beaufort County Housing Coalition would be pleased to work with the Human Relations Council and Washington Housing Authority to sponsor a spring symposium. Specific dates will be discussed during the January 2015 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS:

FYI – All FYI items and reminders were discussed inclusive of the October 14, 2014 report submitted to City Council and the financial report.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Councilman Pitt discussed letters to be mailed to fire departments in adjacent counties inviting them to participate in the Ed Peed Commemoration service.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:
LYNN WINGATE – WILDLIFE FESTIVAL 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Tourism Director, Lynn Wingate expressed it is time for one of the signature events in Washington. The 20th annual East Carolina Wildlife Arts Festival and North Carolina Decoy Carving Championships scheduled for February 6-8. A tentative schedule has been placed in front of City Council ~ new events are being added and times are being confirmed. The show will be opening on Friday night for the first time to the public. Saturday will be the full course of events which includes the show and sale at the Civic Center (exhibitors from all over the country) and the Peterson Building will house the Decoy Carving Championship (both Saturday & Sunday).

Some of the planned activities include:

- ECWAF returns
- NC Estuarium ~ Chuck May Decoy Memorabilia Display
- NC Estuarium ~ Children's Decoy Painting Workshop;
- Washington High School Performing Arts Center
- High-flying fingerboard pyrotechnics-World renowned violinist/fiddler leads duo through an array of styles
- Waterfowl calling competition in the Turnage Theater

Ms. Wingate voiced they are expecting approximately 1,500 to 2,500 people coming into our community and will be coming from near and far. Posters should be ready by end of this week and we are showcasing a new website (www.bcwaf.com).

APPOINTMENTS: LOCAL FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND BOARD

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council approved the recommendation of Fire Chief Robbie Rose and reappointed William M. Alligood Jr. as the Fire Department designated appointee to the Fireman's Relief Fund Board for a new term to expire January 2017.

Council reappointed Richard Brooks as the City Council designated appointee to the Local Fireman's Relief Fund Board for a new term of two years to expire in January 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

AWARD/APPROVE – TENTATIVELY AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO HATCHELL CONCRETE, INC. AND APPROVE CORRESPONDING PURCHASE ORDER

City Manager, Brian Alligood reviewed the request to award the contract to Hatchell Concrete, Inc. for the water and sewer improvements that are related to the EDA grant. Bids were received and opened for this project and this company is the second lowest bidder. There were some consultation with EDA and there were concerns about the low bidder. They were responsive in providing information but based on prior work they did not meet the qualification that was laid in the specification to do that type of work. This has been cleared through EDA to ensure they concur with staff's recommendation.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Roberson, seconded by Councilman Mercer, Council tentatively awarded a contract to Hatchell Concrete, Inc., for the water and sewer improvements project and approved the corresponding purchase order.

PUBLIC HEARING – OTHER: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING: 6:00PM
ACCEPT/ADOPT – RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND ADOPT RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER ZONING CHANGE CONSISTING OF 6.49 ACRES OF VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON SLATESTONE ROAD

Mayor Hodges opened the public hearing.

Mayor Pro tem Roberson asked Council to excuse him from this item as he is a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker and this agency has the property in question under contract. By motion of Councilman Beeman, seconded by Councilman Mercer, Council excused Mayor Pro tem Roberson from this item.

John Rodman, Community & Cultural Services Director explained that a request has been made by Robert & Belinda Leggett to rezone 6.49 acres of property located on Slatestone Road and adjacent to Washington High School and Slatestone Drive. The property is currently zoned R9-S (Residential) and the request is to rezone the property to O&I (Office & Institutional). O&I is often considered a buffer zone between residential and commercial or other intensive uses. State Law stipulates that before the governing board may consider a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board must have an opportunity to make recommendations on the request. The Planning Board heard this request during their December meeting. At this time the Planning Board had to consider several findings of fact regarding this request.

REASONABLE FINDINGS OF FACT

A. Size of the tract: The overall size of the tract of land proposed for rezoning is reasonable when compared to the size of the zoning district in which the subject property is located. (yes)

B. Compatibility with a comprehensive plan: The proposed rezoning is consistent with any comprehensive plan, area plan or elements thereof as well as the future land use map. (yes)

C. Impact: The impact to the adjacent property owners and the surrounding community is reasonable, and the benefits of the rezoning outweigh any potential inconvenience or harm to the community. (yes)

D. Comparison of uses: The allowed uses within the proposed zoning district are similar or compatible to the surrounding area and zoning district. (yes)

The rezoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Map. The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend to City Council to approve the rezoning upon finding that the rezoning is reasonable considering one or more of the above findings of fact A-D being found in the affirmative and that the rezoning advances the public interest. The application is consistent with all of the objectives and policies for growth and development contained in the City of Washington Land Use Plan and Comprehensive Plan. State Law also requires that City Council is to hold a public hearing before amended in the zoning ordinance. The public hearing must be advertised at least twice in the local newspaper, the notice has to be posted on the subject property and additional notice made to the adjoining property owners – all of the aforementioned items were completed. The Planning Board did recommend that City Council rezone the property to O&I.

Councilman Brooks asked if anyone objected to the request during the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Rodman explained that one person did voice objection. Since that meeting was held, notices were sent out to the adjoining property owners advising of the public hearing tonight and he has not heard comments from anyone since that time.

Mayor Hodges called for comments from the public.

Robert Leggett presented the following to Councilmembers.

We, Robert M. Leggett and Belinda G. Leggett as Member/Organizers for R & G Enterprises of NC, L.L.C, have entered into an Offer to Purchase Agreement with Fortescue Investments Group for Property ID # 5696-03-4089. The property is located on Slatestone Road on the south side, and adjacent to, Washington High School. On December 16, 2014, the Washington City Planning Board unanimously approved the recommendation of rezoning the property to the Office & Institutional (O & I) zoning classification.

We now respectfully ask The City Council to adopt the resolution to approve the property re-zoning. During the Planning Board meeting, an adjacent property owner from the Slatestone Hills subdivision, who resides at 117 Slatestone Drive, came forward and expressed opposition to the re-zoning of the property in question. The adjacent property owner expressed three concerns that we would like to respond to prior to the Council's vote. The concerns as described were as follows:

1. *Elimination of the "buffer" between the Slatestone Hills subdivision and Washington High School. The property owner suggested that the property serves as a buffer between the Slatestone Hills subdivision and the school. The property owner inferred that this buffer decreases noise and lighting from activities conducted on the school property.*

Response:

Please refer to the aerial photo and zoning map with addresses: As can be seen on the aerial photo, there is a significant portion of the property, for which rezoning is sought, that is wooded and lies between the properties in Slatestone Hills and the school property. This wooded portion of the property starts at the northeast corner of 117 Slatestone Drive in the rear of the property and proceeds adjacent to five other properties on Slatestone Drive heading east towards Slatestone Road. This portion of the property is what provides the "perceived" buffer between the Slatestone Hills subdivision and the school property. As seen on the zoning map with addresses, the properties that are adjacent to the wooded portion of the lot in question are 103, 105, 111 113 and 115 Slatestone Drive. The address 330 Slatestone Road is located up a dirt path belonging to the property in question. This address is bordered on the rear and both sides by the wooded portion of the property. The wooded property that lies directly behind 117 Slatestone Drive and extends behind the remaining six properties on the same side and to the end of Slatestone Drive, is already zoned O & I and belongs to Washington City Schools (refer to aerial photo). This is the portion of the school property where outdoor school sports activities are held. As can be seen from the aerial photo, this portion of the school property is not buffered by the property in question. However, as can be seen, there is already a portion of the school property bordering this entire area that has been left wooded which provides a buffer between the Slatestone Drive residents and the noisellight producing area of the school property.

However, it must be said, that the trees on the property to be rezoned, as well as the trees on the school property, making up what is perceived as a buffer, even in the current zoned state, could be removed at any time. Therefore, rezoning of the property, or not, is of no consequence to the preservation of the perceived buffer. Therefore, if the trees are removed from the equation, only distance becomes the question. And, since the property belonging to the school was previously rezoned O & I and borders properties in the same subdivision, the precedence has been established that the distance between R9-S zoning and O & I zoning is also not a factor.

2. *Concern over the incompatibility of the various types of property uses that are allowed by the O&I zoning classification. The property owner communicated that some types of uses allowed by the O&I classification may cause noise or excessive traffic and/or be incompatible with the neighborhood.*

Response:

This concern stems from the lack of available information about what the exact use of the property will be. We understand that rezoning the property allows a multitude of uses (as seen on pages 50 and 51 of the agenda) and that details for the use of the property cannot be outlined in this meeting since rezoning must be considered to allow any of those uses. We also understand that some of those uses may be more objectionable than others to adjacent property owners.

However, we must consider that the City Zoning Ordinances have already established that the uses allowed are compatible with bordering residential zones since by the City's own description of the O&I zoning (reference Washington NC Code of Ordinances, Chapter 40 Zoning, Article IV Zoning Districts, Sec. 40-84 - O and I Office and Institutional District) refers to the O&I zoning as "providing a desirable buffer".

Furthermore, the two zones are so compatible that according to the permitted use listing on page 51, single family residences are also allowed within O & I zoned areas. We know that our intended use of the property has already been communicated in the local newspaper based on a statement in the rezoning application. However, to remain in compliance at this meeting, that is, without giving details of our planned use for the property, one can see that the cleared portion of the property that has road frontage on Slatestone Road is the portion of the property that would likely be desirable for development.

We can say that for our intended purpose, we have no immediate plans for the wooded portion of the property at this time. Also, we concur with the City Ordinances, that our intended use of the property will be in compliant with the O & I zoning requirements and therefore, will be compatible with the

adjacent zoning. Additionally, we feel our planned use of the property will have a very minimal impact on noise, traffic etc. In fact, it will have far less impact in comparison to the school.

Furthermore, the two roads that enter/exit the Slatestone Hills subdivision (Slatestone Drive and Panticough Drive) will not be impacted whatsoever by rezoning of the property.

3. *Insufficient notification. According to the adjacent property owner, the letter of notification was received on Thursday December lith. The Planning Board meeting was on Tuesday the 16th (6 days later). The property owner felt that this was insufficient time to gather neighborhood support in opposition to rezoning.*

Response:

The amount of time allowed for notification by the City was consistent with prior notifications and was no less than the notification time allowed by the posting of City Council meeting agendas. Furthermore, none of the other 15 adjacent property owners attended the Planning Board meeting or, otherwise expressed concern to the Planning Board during those six days. Phone numbers were provided in the letter for this purpose. Additionally, the Planning Board informed the property owner that he, and any other property owners, could express further concern at the City Council Meeting if they so desired.

In closing,

We, as residential property owners ourselves, We understand that residents are, and should be, concerned about the use of property adjoining their neighborhood. And, we understand that lack of information about such use adds both anxiety and uncertainty. However, we also we understand that when City Planning experts and subsequent elected City Council members determine that land use adjustments are deemed appropriate, necessary and fit into the City's Land Use Plan for the greater good of all, that we, as law abiding citizens and community leaders, should support their decisions. Therefore, again, we respectfully ask the Mayor and City Council members to support the City of Washington's Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan (as depicted on page 49), and accept the Planning Board's recommendation to adopt the resolution to zone the property in question to the O&I zoning classification.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Leggett and Belinda Gail Leggett

Member/Organizers of R & G Enterprises of NC, L.L.C.

Benjamin Kfier, 107 Slatestone Drive expressed concern with the rezoning request. He feels it is in conflict with the current residential area and the potential conflict that this rezoning could create. He asked Council if the rezoning request is consistent with the City's long-term plan.

John Rodman noted that even though Mr. Leggett expressed his intention is to build a childcare facility, Council's decision cannot be based on a single use. Council has to consider all of the permitted uses for that area. Mr. Rodman indicated that the Comprehensive Plan does show that this parcel should be O&I, so the rezoning request is consistent with any future plans that the City has for that area.

Robert Leggett explained that 107 Slatestone Drive does backup to another residential property.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hodges closed the public hearing.

Councilman Brooks asked for clarification on the location of Mr. Kifer's house in correlation to the property in question. Mr. Rodman explained the property that is requested to be rezoned is in between a current group home and Washington High School.

Councilman Mercer expressed concern that this proposed use may only use up to 2 acres, leaving 5 acres for future development. In essence, we are opening this tract of land for any/all uses listed on the O&I zone. He continued by saying some of the approved uses, he wouldn't want next to him. Councilman Mercer discussed the minutes from the Planning Board and the citizens concern regarding insufficient notification.

Brian Alligood explained that NCGS require that the property owners be notified for the public hearing (held by City Council). As a courtesy, the Planning Board notified the property owners of the rezoning request. The courtesy letters went out on a Thursday, for the meeting on the following

Tuesday. There is no statutory obligation for the Planning Board to notify property owners prior to that. The statutory obligation falls under the City Council public hearing. Staff members met those requirements.

John Rodman noted the proper notification procedure was followed.

Councilman Brooks asked if we could vote on this during the next Council meeting? Mayor Hodges inquired if anything was going to change between now and then? John Rodman noted there is no reason to postpone the request as Council has all of the information before them tonight and nothing will change. The property will have to be annexed.

Councilman Beeman inquired about a buffer zone between the residential zone and the O&I zone? Mr. Rodman explained that there is not an additional buffer, but there are setback requirements and landscaping requirements. If this particular use requires a Special Use Permit, then the Board of Adjustment could require an additional buffer between the residential property and the requested use. Mr. Rodman further explained that O&I zoning is a natural buffer between residential property and a more intense use, such as the high school.

Franz Holscher, City Attorney explained that this is the first reading of a zoning amendment and requires a 4/5 majority (4 votes) in order for the request to pass. If the request came back at a future meeting, only a majority vote (3 votes) would be required. If Council rejects the rezoning request, then Council must provide a statement why the request is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Mercer asked if a motion was made to approve the request, but the motion fails, would there need to be a second motion to deny the request that includes the aforementioned statement?

A motion was made by Councilman Brooks and seconded by Councilman Mercer to accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and adopt the resolution to approve the rezoning of the property located on Slatestone Road containing 6.49 acres from R9-S (Residential) to O&I (Office & Institutional). Voting in favor: Brooks & Beeman; opposed: Mercer & Pitt. The City Attorney recommended that Mayor Hodges vote to break the tie for the purpose of this meeting. Mayor Hodges voted in favor of the request. Vote: 3-2 – request fails due to needing a super majority vote – 4 votes. The request will be presented again on January 26th and will only require a simple majority vote – 3 votes to be approved.

Mayor Pro tem Roberson returned to the meeting at this time.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

MARTIN STANES & ASSOCIATES – AUDIT REVIEW

Matt Rauschenbach introduced Ms. Crystal Roberts with Martin, Starnes and noted she will review the following audit presentation with Council. Councilman Mercer inquired why the General Fund debt service dropped by over \$2.5 million last year. Mr. Rauschenbach explained the payoff of the Impressions renovation loan and the refinancing of loans for Fire Station #2.

Ms. Roberts noted the delay in the financial statements. The delay started at the State level with Medicaid benefits and the delay trickled down to the local audit firms. Councilman Mercer noted a typo on page 58 of the report noting “150 year loan” should read “15 year loan”.

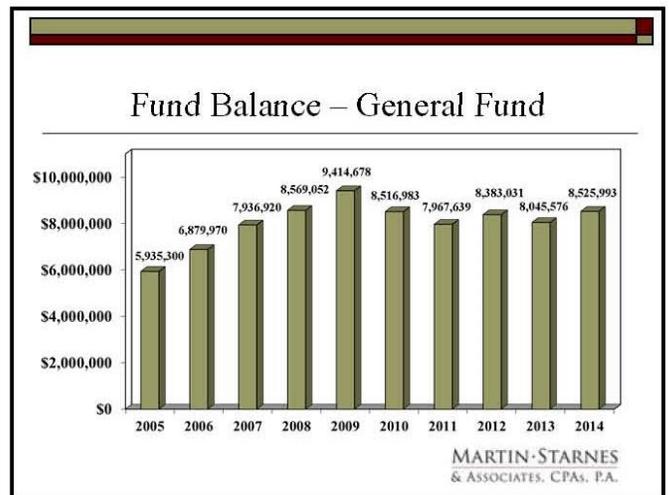
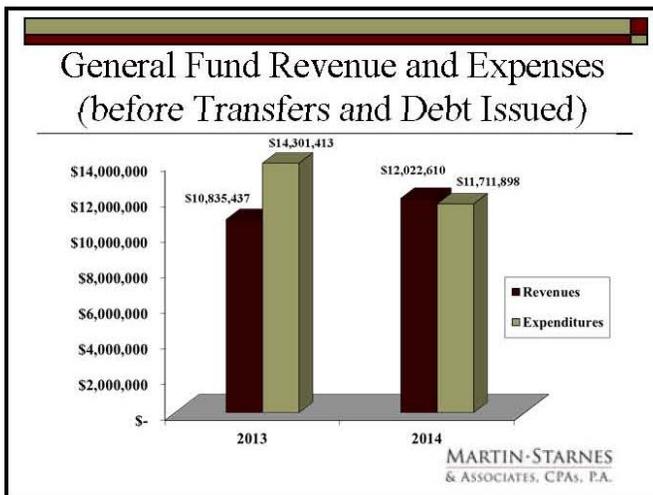
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City of Washington
2014 Audited Financial Statements

Audit Highlights

- Unmodified opinion
- No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control
- Cooperative staff

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Available Fund Balance

Available fund balance as defined by the Local Government Commission (LGC) is calculated as follows:

Total Fund Balance
 Less: Non spendable (not in cash form, not available)
Less: Stabilization by State Statute (by state law, not available)
 Available Fund Balance

This is the calculation utilized as the basis for comparing you to other units and calculating your fund balance percentages.

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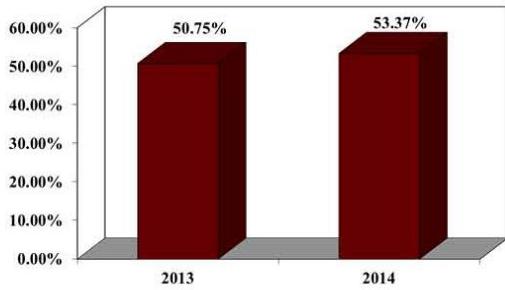
Fund Balance Position-General Fund

- Total Fund Balance \$ 8,525,993
- Non spendable - 123,653
- Stabilization by State Statute - 1,757,518
- Available Fund Balance \$ 6,644,822

- Available Fund Balance 2013 \$ 6,307,870
- Increase in Available FB \$ 336,952

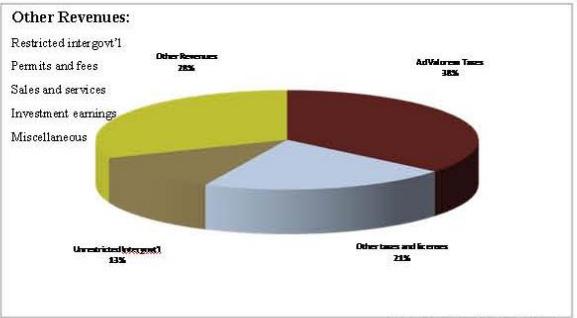
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Available Fund Balance as a Percent of Expenditures – General Fund



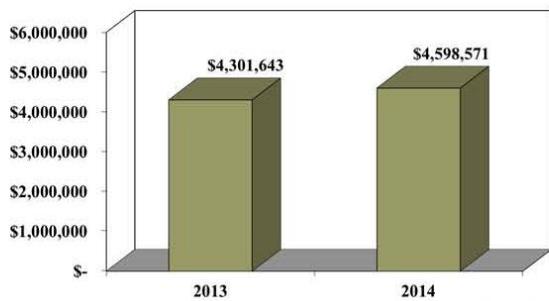
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Top 3 Revenues: General Fund



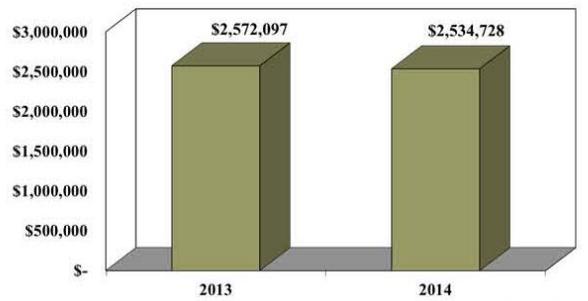
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Ad Valorem Taxes



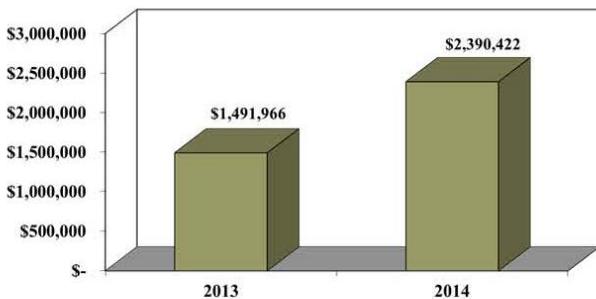
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Other Taxes and Licenses



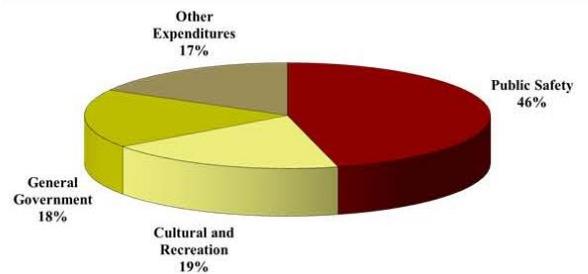
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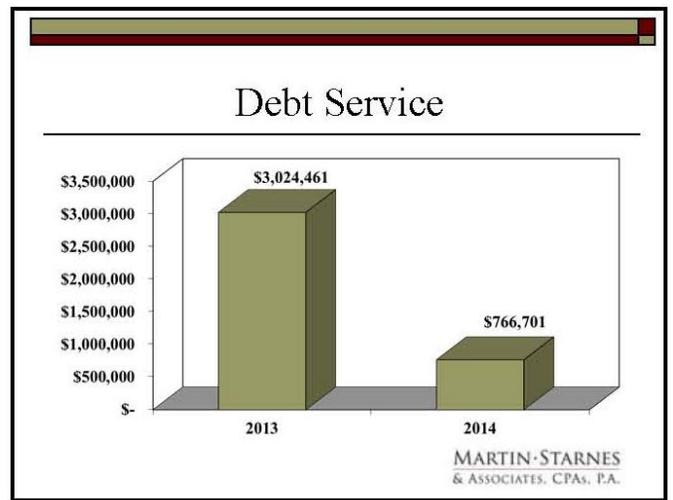
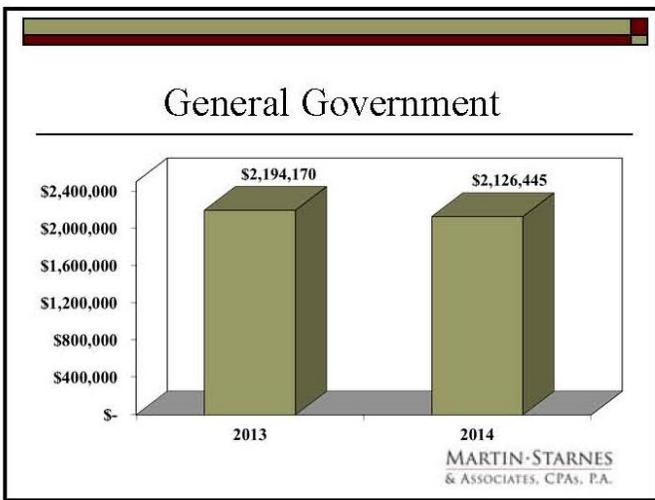
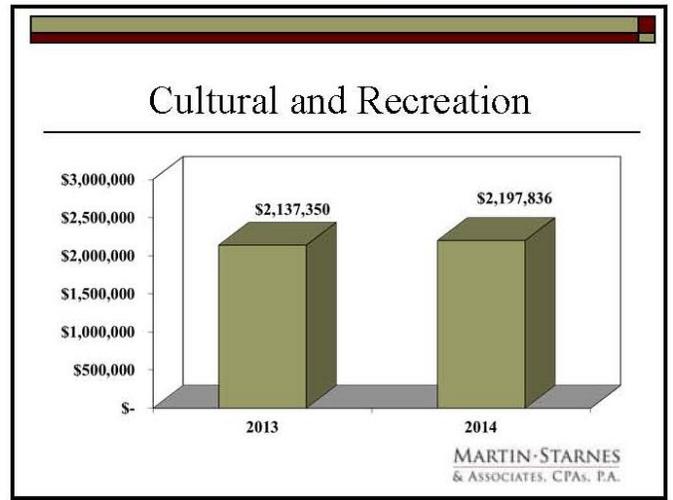
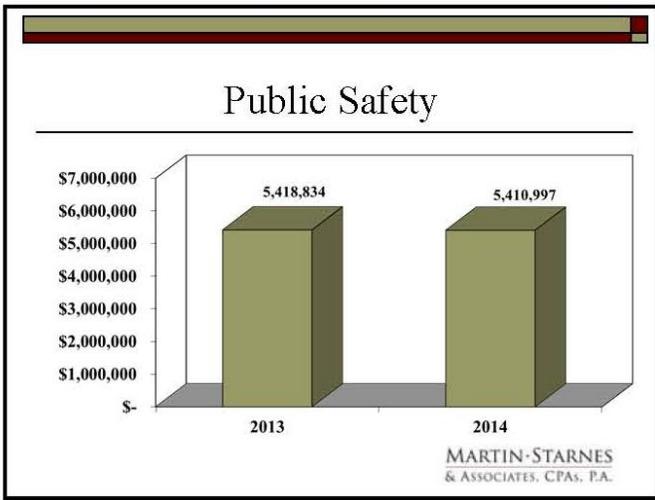


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Top 3 Expenditures: General Fund



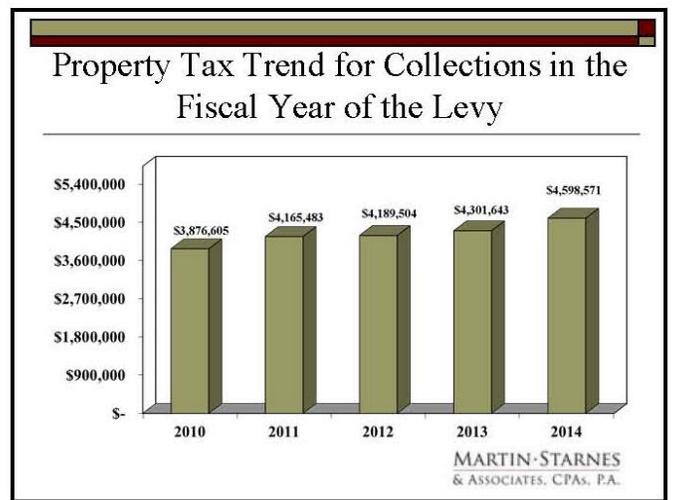
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Other Governmental Funds

✓ Total Revenues 2014	\$ 728,252
✓ Total Expenditures 2014	914,863
✓ Other Financing Sources	217,833
✓ Net Change in Fund Balance	31,222
✓ Ending Fund Balance	1,644,931

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**Enterprise Funds
Operating Income (Loss)
Modified Accrual**

	Water	Sewer	Electric	Stormwater Utility	Non Major
Income/loss	596,625	89,436	40,030	(1,569)	(366,514)
Transfers out	(806,742)	(773,152)	(568,708)	-	-
Income/loss before incoming transfers	(210,117)	(683,716)	(528,678)	(1,569)	(366,514)
Debt issued	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	101,660	122,940	5,488	-	295,779
Total Income(Loss)	(108,457)	(560,776)	(523,190)	(1,569)	(70,735)

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**Enterprise Funds
Available Resources for Future Obligations
June 30, 2014**

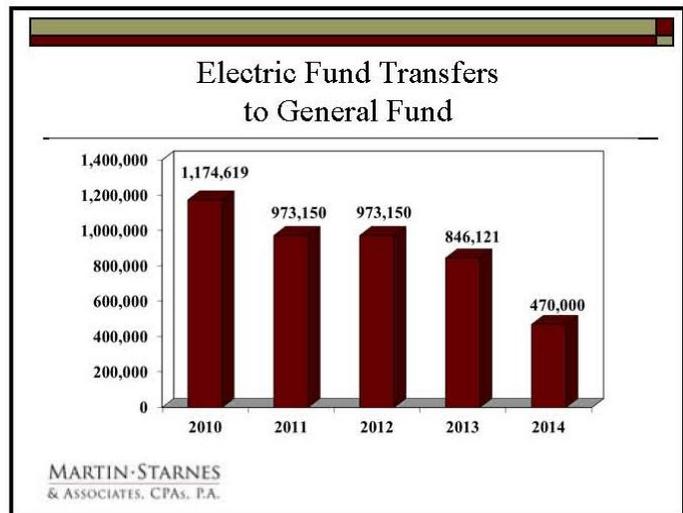
	Water	Sewer	Electric	Stormwater Utility	Nonmajor
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	2,391,266	2,389,612	4,632,596	448,743	981,883
Accounts Receivable/Due from	548,000	439,895	4,191,675	55,824	244,899
Available resources	2,939,266	2,829,507	8,824,271	504,567	1,226,782
Current Liabilities	209,096	499,639	4,079,174	943,763	157,160
Total Available for non-current obligations	\$ 2,730,270	\$ 2,329,868	\$ 4,745,097	\$ 160,804	\$ 1,069,622
Annual Operating Expenses Cash Basis	\$ 2,563,525	\$ 2,916,167	\$ 36,490,082	\$ 897,003	\$ 2,263,687
2014 Available resources as a % of expenditures	107%	80%	13%	27%	45%
2013 Available resources as a % of expenditures	80%	77%	14%	21%	39%
Total General Fund fund balance as a % of General Fund expenditures is 50.66%					

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**Electric Fund
Available Resources for Future Obligations**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Unrestricted Cash and Investments	\$ 4,988,316	\$ 4,980,562	\$ 5,183,729	\$ 5,063,190	\$ 6,632,596
Accounts Receivable/Due from	4,429,444	5,143,357	4,724,608	4,231,286	4,191,675
Available resources	9,417,760	10,123,919	9,908,337	9,294,476	10,824,271
Current Liabilities	4,673,116	4,481,701	4,261,655	4,160,137	4,079,174
Total Available for non-current obligations	\$ 4,744,644	\$ 5,642,218	\$ 5,646,682	\$ 5,134,339	\$ 4,745,097
Annual Operating Expenses Cash Basis	\$ 38,527,477	\$ 37,337,751	\$ 36,712,736	\$ 33,948,140	\$ 36,490,082
Available resources as a % of expenditures	12%	15%	15%	14%	13%

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OLD BUSINESS:

ACCEPT/ADOPT – RECOMMENDATION OF THE WATERFRONT DOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ADOPT NEW RATE SCHEDULE FOR DOCKS

John Rodman, Community & Cultural Services Director and Fred Watkins, Waterfront Dock Advisory Board explained the request is a continuation from last month. The Waterfront Dock Advisory Committee is trying to make the fees more equitable for smaller boats. The Waterfront Advisory Committee and the Waterfront Dockmaster reviewed ten marinas in Eastern North Carolina over several months in order to compare the City of Washington's slip fees with those of other marinas. As part of the Waterfront Business Management Plan goals and objectives for the docks were established. Goal #1 was to create and maintain a user-fee schedule for the docks and services which will make the docks as self-sustaining as possible while staying competitive with those serving the market area. The Waterfront Docks Advisory Committee agreed that the presented rate schedule would help accomplish that goal and continue to move the docks forward.

**Dock Pricing Data
Transient**

<u>Marina</u>	<u># Slips</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Power</u>	<u>Pumpout</u>	<u>Extra</u>
Washington	7	\$1.25/ft	Included	\$3	Laundry/Shower included
Elizabeth City	14	Free	No	No	Shower \$5 2 day limit
Edenton	12	\$1/ft	30A-\$3 50A-\$6	\$5	Free WiFi
Belhaven Town	8	\$1/ft	30A-\$5	\$5	Max 3 nights
Manteo Municipal	20	\$1.65/ft	\$1.40/ft	\$5	
Beaufort Town	95	Rate System	30A-\$6 50A-\$12 100A-\$25	\$10	
Morehead City	15	\$1.50/ft	30A 50A included	No	
McCotters	20	\$1.00/ft	Included	No	Free Wifi
New Bern	45	\$2/ft	30A-\$4 50A-\$6	\$5	
Bridge Pointe	10	\$1/ft	30A-\$5 50A-\$7	\$5	
Belhaven Waterway	10	\$1.65/ft	30A-\$5 50A-410	No	Laundry included
Dowry Creek	40	\$1.60/ft	30A -\$6 50A-\$8 100A-\$25	\$10	Laundry \$1.25 + \$1.25/load

Permanent

<u>Marina</u>	<u># Slips</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Power</u>	<u>Pumpout</u>	<u>Extra</u>
Washington	25	\$275/mo \$775/qrt \$1,525/semi \$3,000/ann	Included	\$3	Laundry/Shower included
Elizabeth City	<i>None</i>				
Edenton	<i>None</i>				
Belhaven Town	<i>None</i>				
Manteo Municipal	33	\$18/ft/mo Annual \$10/ft/mo	\$15/mo \$10/mo	\$5 \$5	
Beaufort Town	Special Rates in the Off Season				
Morehead City	<i>None</i>				
McCotters	160	\$6/ft	Metered	Self-serve	Liveaboard fee \$100
New Bern	180	\$8.50/ft 30' minimum	\$15.95/mo and meter	\$5	Discount for longer year payments
Bridge Pointe	115	\$6.50/ft < 50' \$5.50/ft > 50'	\$20/mo and \$.13/kw		
Belhaven Waterway	<i>None</i>				
Dowry Creek	33	\$6/ft	metered	\$10	

City of Washington
Waterfront Docks Rental Fees (recommendation)

Red = changes from existing rate structure and what was passed Sept'14

Transient	Current
\$1.25 per foot (including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms) per night. (Includes water & Boater's Facilities)	\$1.25
Electric rates: 30amp service= \$3.00 per day & 50amp service=\$5.00 per day	\$0.00
Daily Docking (Maximum 6 hours)	
\$10.00 - (Includes water & electricity & Boater's Facilities for registered boats)	\$7.50
Permanent T-Dock Rental-Slips (26' LOA minimum charge)	
	Min. (26')
Monthly \$7.00 per foot LOA (Including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms)	\$182 \$275
Quarterly \$20.40 per foot LOA (including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms) (\$6.80 per foot)	\$530 \$775
Simi Annual \$39.00 per foot LOA (including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms) (\$6.50 per foot)	\$1,014 \$1,440
Annual \$75.00 per foot LOA (including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms) (\$6.25 per foot)	\$1,950 \$3,000
Permanent T-Dock Rental-Alongside (Preference given to larger boats 40' LOA Plus)	
	Min. (40')
Monthly \$7.00 per foot LOA (Including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms)	\$280 \$275
Quarterly \$20.40 per foot LOA (including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms) (\$6.80 per foot)	\$816 \$775
Simi Annual \$39.00 per foot LOA (including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms) (\$6.50 per foot)	\$1,560 \$1,440
Annual \$75.00 per foot LOA (including sprits, pulpits, davits, swim platforms) (\$6.25 per foot)	\$3,000 \$3,000
Pump Out (Available when Dock Attendant is on Duty)	
\$5.00 per tank. Pump out fee for all recreational vessels & bare boat charter vessels.	\$3.00
\$10.00 per tank. Fee for all commercial vessels under 40' LOA	\$3.00
\$15.00 per tank. Fee for all commercial vessels over 40'-80' LOA	\$3.00
\$25.00 per tank. Fee for all commercial vessels over 80' LOA	\$3.00
Laundry	
\$5.00 per use plus \$5.00 deposit	\$0.00
Bulkhead-Alongside (Visitor Docks G-K) (no water or electricity available)	
For vessels up to 60' LOA. The first 48 Hours are Free. Each additional day is \$.75 per foot per day. The Dock Master may use his discretion in the application of this policy. Use of Boater's Facilities included for registered boats.	\$0.75
Electric Service	
Single 30amp \$20 per month	\$0.00
Single 50amp \$30 per month	\$0.00

Mayor Pro tem Roberson inquired what was voted on last month. Mr. Rodman explained the request was presented under "Scheduled Public Appearances" and anything voted on in that section requires 4 affirmative votes to be approved.

Councilman Mercer expressed his concerns with the potential decrease in revenue by lowering rates. Fred Watkins explained that Councilman Mercer would be correct if the numbers were based on the same volume. It is the belief that the changes in rates will increase volume and increase revenue. Discussion continued regarding the potential increase vs. decrease in revenue. Mr. Rodman explained that they have already received two requests for slips if the fees change. Mayor Pro tem Roberson said he is willing to take a look at this alternative and maybe we will acquire more boats. Councilman Brooks noted if Council approves the change in fees, he would like Mr. Watkins to come back to Council to revisit the fees in the future and provide updates to Council? Mr. Watkins would like the opportunity to come back to Council periodically to review the rates.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Roberson, seconded by Councilman Beeman, Council accepted the recommendation of the Waterfront Docks Advisory Committee and adopted the amended rate schedule for the use of the waterfront docks for a period of one year. The request will be revisited by Council in January 2016.

DISCUSSION – RECREATION FEES (REQUEST BY COUNCILMAN BEEMAN)

Councilman Larry Beeman proposed revisiting the split fees for City and County residents. He suggested one flat fee. “What we had previously passed was a split fee between City and County residents. I would like to revisit that and for the council to reconsider that. I would feel better imposing upon the volunteers of the leagues that they do not have to have a split fee but have one fee. The reason is we’re asking volunteers to impose a rule that this council has done when they’re not in a position to impose a rule. The dollar amount we can discuss. I’m for \$30, but I do not feel at this time we need to have a split fee.”

Councilman Mercer, noted the council has spent several months discussing such fees and suggested the city consider leasing its sports facilities to the sports leagues for \$1 a year, with the provision the leagues pay to maintain those facilities. The council did not act on that suggestion.

Council member William Pitt said the city might need to revisit the issue during budget sessions.

Councilman Brooks noted that we have been going back and forth about this for some time. People in the County come to the City and spend money and pay their electric bill. County residents participate in ways that we can’t count in dollars and cents. We need to treat City and County residents on an even scale, \$30 is a reasonable amount.

A motion was made by Councilman Beeman and seconded by Councilman Brooks for the City to impose a \$30.00 flat fee per participant per league starting today. Motion carried.

City Manager, Brian Alligood suggested that the fees be implemented July 1, 2015, because there are currently agreements in place. The fees will be in place for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro tem Roberson and seconded by Councilman Beeman to amend the motion to reflect the imposition of a \$30.00 per participant fee beginning July 1, 2015. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Mercer opposing.

Mayor Pro tem Bobby Roberson commented that “You can massage these fees all you want to. The bottom line is we’re in the hole over \$1 million and changing the fees is not going to move the gap any closer. We’ve got to look at other alternatives than fees inside the city in order to balance the budget. That’s what we’ve got to do. You can talk another six months about the fees, but it’s not going to close the gap on a million dollars in parks and recreation. It’s just not going to do it. So the question we need to answer is where are we going to get the money in order to operate?” Councilman Beeman noted this as well as other suggestions could be discussed during budget workshops and we would have to involve the leagues in these discussions.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE/AUTHORIZE – MAYOR TO SIGN LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC. – SERVICE AREA COMPETITION GRANT APPLICATION

City Manager, Brian Alligood explained Mr. Michael L. McDuffie, Chief Operating Officer and Lawrence Doby for Metropolitan Community Health Services, Inc., is requesting a letter of support from City Council for their Service Area Competition (SAC) grant application for continued federal funding. Supporting information about the organization and a draft letter of support is attached.

Mr. McDuffie noted that they are in the process of competing for their service area. They will be competing with other agencies that want to come into this service area. In order to strengthen Metropolitan’s application, they are asking for a letter of support from the City of Washington. Discussion was held regarding the requested grant amount of \$981,750. Currently, Metropolitan has two sites (Washington and Williamston) and provides medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services.

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council approved and authorized the Mayor to sign the attached letter of support for Metropolitan Community Health Services’ Service Area Competition (SAC) grant application for continued federal funding.

Mayor Hodges inquired about the dental clinic. Mr. McDuffie explained the dental facility will reopen on February 19th. Mayor Hodges suggested that Mr. McDuffie make contact with East Carolina University's Dental School.

Councilman Brooks thanked Mr. McDuffie and Metropolitan for their programs and for helping the community.

Applicant Organization: Metropolitan Community Health Services

Project Title: Service Area Competition - Additional Areas

Congressional Districts: NC-001, NC-003

Types of Section 330 Funding Requested: CHC

Current Federal Funding: \$1.043 million

Metropolitan Community Health Services (MCHS) is a 501(c)3 FQHC providing primary medical, dental, and behavioral health services to low-income populations of northeast North Carolina. MCHS's service area covers five counties: Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington. The service area harbors a population of 93,715 people, 44% of whom live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), estimating the target population to consist of 41,586 low-income residents. 69.7% of residents are Caucasian; 21.4% are African American. The northeast region of the state is home to the highest concentration of impoverished, ethnic minorities. MCHS was first organized as a faith-based mission drawn from the oldest African American denominations, designated a rural health center in 1998 and granted FQHC status in 2003. MCHS is governed by a board of directors representative of the populations served; the organization is in full compliance with HRSA 330 program requirements and maintains all services are appropriate to the need of the population and available to all, regardless identity or circumstance. In calendar year 2013, MCHS served 2,472 unique patients, 54% of whom were medically uninsured at the time of service, illustrating MCHS's role as a safety net provider to vulnerable populations. MCHS operates two clinics, one in Washington and another in Williamston. All five counties are designated Health Professional Shortage Areas for primary medical, dental and behavioral health services. Additionally, all counties are designated Medically Underserved Areas. Health indicators reported on the organizations Form 9 (Need for Assistance Worksheet) exceed state and national averages in all measures relating to chronic disease prevalence, mortality, and risk behavior. The burden of diabetes is a significant issue of severity for the target population. 13.8% of the population is diabetic, exceeding the national average of 8.1%. 32.8% of the adult population is obese and 30% of the adult population reports no physical activity in the past month. 21.2% of the population is medically uninsured and North Carolina's governor and legislature, at this time, have chose not to expand Medicaid coverage. Preventative care services available to the low-income, uninsured population are minimal, as MCHS is one of two FQHCs operating in the service area which spans 3,868 square miles of land populated by an average of 25 people per square mile. Consequently, many residents wait until their medical condition is emergent and suffer the consequence of high cost and an even higher probability of poor outcomes. Over 32% of families with children under 18 live in poverty, compared to a national average of 17.8%; 62.8% of single mothers with children under 18 live in poverty, compared to a national average of 40%. MCHS's service delivery model is both appropriate to serve the needs of the target population and adequate to support an increased demand for service as MCHS establishes a solid reputation of being a compassionate resource to local communities, offering culturally appropriate, patient-centered care to all. MCHS clinics are currently staffed by 4.5 FTE medical providers, 2.0 FTE pharmacy providers, 14.0 FTE clinical, enabling, and patient support staff, 6.5 FTE dental, clinical and patient support and 6.5 FTE management, IT, and admin support staff. MCHS is requesting federal funding in the amount of \$981,750 to support the delivery of services to the populations of Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties in North Carolina.

Mayor
Mac Hodges

City Manager
Brian M. Alligood



City Council
Larry Beeman
Richard Brooks
Doug Mercer
William Pitt
Bobby Roberson

January 12, 2015

Reverend David L. Moore
Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Community Health Services, Inc.
PO Box 1886
Washington, NC 27889

Dear Rev. Moore:

The City of Washington supports your Service Area Competition grant application to the Bureau of Primary Health Care. The City understands that the primary care your organization provides reaches patients who are in need of quality, cost-efficient, and comprehensive primary care services.

Metropolitan Community Health Services is a faith-based, 501(c)3 organization serving Beaufort, Martin, Washington, Hyde, and Tyrrell counties. Residents in these counties are disproportionately impacted by historic poverty, geographic isolation, and other negative social determinates of health. Without the primary care services that Metropolitan provides, many patients would forgo necessary and preventative health care and see their health status decline. In spite of the increased number of uninsured, and the ever-present challenges of this economy, Metropolitan continues to increase its service offerings and ensure that its patients have a medical home.

The City of Washington encourages the Bureau of Primary Health Care to support your grant application for continued funding and we commend your organization's service to the residents of Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mac Hodges".

Mac Hodges, Mayor

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ANY OTHER ITEMS FROM CITY MANAGER: NONE

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:
WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

Mayor Hodges inquired if the City Council could make a donation of up to \$300 to rent the Civic Center for a banquet for the Washington High School football team to be held in February. Mayor Pro tem Roberson suggested that the athletic club pay the fee. Brian Alligood, City Manager explained that the City has a reduced rate for renting the Civic Center and we can run the rental through the City, but the athletic club will pay the fees.

CLOSED SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION: UNDER NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1) DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, 159B-38 CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONTRACT DISCUSSION, 143-318.10 (e) THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT 143-318.11 (a)(3) ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND 143-318.11 (a)(5) LAND ACQUISITION

By motion of Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilman Beeman, Council agreed to entered into closed session at 7:15pm under NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1) Disclosure of Confidential Information, 159B-38 Confidentiality of Contract Discussion, 143-318.10(e) The Public Records Act and 143-318.11 (A)(3) Attorney/Client Privilege And 143-318.11 (A)(5) Land Acquisition.

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Roberson, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council agreed to come out of closed session at 8:15 pm.

ADJOURN:

By motion of Mayor Pro tem Roberson, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm until Monday, January 26, 2015 at 5:30 pm, in the Council Chambers.

Cynthia S. Bennett, CMC
City Clerk