

The Washington City Council met in a special session on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 5:00pm in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Present were: Archie Jennings, Mayor; Bobby Roberson, Mayor Pro tem; Ed Moultrie, Councilman; Doug Mercer, Councilman; William Pitt, Councilman; Gil Davis, Councilman; Pete Connet, Interim City Manager; Franz Holscher, City Attorney and Cynthia Bennett, City Clerk.

Also present were: Also present were: Robbie Rose, Fire Chief; Allen Lewis, Public Works Director; Keith Hardt, Electric Director; John Rodman, Planning Director; Sandy Blizzard, Major; Director; Philip Mobley, Parks and Recreation Director; Susan Hodges, Human Resource Director; Lynn Lewis, Tourism Director; Mike Voss, of the Washington Daily News and Delma Blinson, the Beaufort Observer.

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

**CLOSED SESSION – UNDER § NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE, NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) PERSONNEL AND NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY**

By motion of Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilman Moultrie, Council agreed to enter into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney/Client Privilege, NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5) at 5:02 PM.

By motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Pitt, Council agreed to come out of closed session at 5:40pm.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING BUDGET SESSION**

1. Reduce transfer from Electric to General Fund by \$200,000
2. Balance all funds without transfers from Fund Balance
3. Discuss with County complete transfer of 9-1-1 services
4. Outsource residential sanitation work
5. Reduce all fund expenditures by 10%
6. Reduce electric rates
7. Delay as many capital projects as possible unless it is necessary to meet safety requirement
8. Look at other vendors/re-advertise for services
9. Small/medium/large equipment service & repair (possible outsource)
10. Outsource commercial sanitation
11. Review collections on lot mowing/cleaning
12. Outsource grass cutting
13. Debt service
14. Establish peak generator replacement fund & review rebate on amount saved on wholesale cost
15. Report on Edux(smart meters)
16. Reduce health insurance rates

Mayor Jennings requested that Council review the list and prioritize said items. This prioritized list will be discussed further during the February 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**ADJOURN – UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011 AT 5:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

By motion of Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Pitt, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm until February 14, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at the Municipal.

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**Cynthia S. Bennett, CMC  
City Clerk**