

The Washington City Council met in a regular session on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Present were: Archie Jennings, Mayor; Bobby Roberson, Mayor Pro tem; Doug Mercer, Councilman; William Pitt, Councilman; Richard Brooks, Councilman; Brian M. Alligood, City Manager; Cynthia S. Bennett, City Clerk and Franz Holscher, City Attorney.

Councilman Moultrie was absent and excused from the meeting.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council approved the minutes of August 12, and August 26, 2013 as submitted.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

By motion of Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council approved the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Mercer commented on purchase orders # 13441 (\$43,750 – Hospital Pharmacy) & 13511 (\$22,681.90 – Bobcat of Johnston County for Pamlico Fencing) stating this is not the grant proposal that was presented to Council and he opposed the approval of these purchase orders.

Mayor Pro tem Roberson requested to discuss purchase order #13471 (\$46,500 – Rediron Associates, LLC) under New Business - stating Council has not awarded the contract for this project yet (item is located later in the agenda).

By motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Councilman Pitt, Council approved the consent agenda by motion of 3-1. Motion carried – Councilman Mercer opposed.

A. APPROVE – PURCHASE ORDERS >\$20,000

- Requisition #13427, \$43,696.68, to Utility Service Co. Inc. for Elevated Tank Maintenance, account # 30-90-8140-4500.
- Requisition #13429, \$38,420, to Commercial Solutions Inc. for labor and material to install Carlisle 100 mil Fleece backed TPO roof system, supply and install new 24 gauge Kymar coated steel gutters and required downspouts and replace 3 new matching style skylights on existing curbs, account # 10-40-6120-7401.
- Requisition # 13441, Hospital Pharmacy for Funds for RX Drug Purchases under the job creation CDBG grant, account # 57-60-4930-4500.
- Requisition # 13471, \$46,500, to Rediron Associates, LLC for to construct new add on truck shelter for equipment storage, account # 35-90-8390-7401.
- Requisition # 13474, \$36,157.99, to Atlantic Power Systems of NC, Inc. for peak shaving Generators PM Level 1 inspection, Generators PM Level 2 inspection, labor & materials, fuel tanks foot valve removal, cleaning and re-installation, and 11 tanks, account # 35-90-8370-1600.
- Requisition # 13486, \$20,000, to Shealy Electric for MC# Small Market Edition w/Portable Wiring Kit, to include, MC3 RF Unit, MC Software version 3,4,2, Toughbook CF-53 Laptop w/DVD, Power Adapter, and DC Auto, account # 35-90-7250-7401.

- Requisition # 13498, \$31,620, to Westinghouse Electric Supply, for ABB OVR Recloser, Pole Mounting Frame to accommodate 3 single bushing pts and HCEP VOY-20G, and installed on pole mount OVR Frame.
- Requisition # 13511, \$22,681.90, to Bobcat of Johnston County for purchase of Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader for Pamlico Fencing thru the CDBG SBEA Job Creation Grant, account # 57-60-4930-4500.

B. AWARD – CAPTAIN JIMMY POLLARD HIS POLICE SHIELD AND SERVICE WEAPON UPON RETIREMENT

Captain Jimmy Pollard began his employment with the City of Washington Police Department on October 03, 1984. Captain Jimmy Pollard will retire from the City of Washington, after 30 years of creditable service to its citizens, effective September 30, 2013. Council awarded Captain Jimmy Pollard his police shield and declared as surplus his service weapon a Glock Model #21, Serial #DGM915US to be awarded to him upon his retirement.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Diana Aideuis, a resident of 122 South Harvey Street, submitted a letter and petition (73 signatures) in opposition to the location of the Dock Master Station (bathhouse site) and requested this letter be read during public comments by Mayor Jennings.

Mayor Jennings directed City Manager, Brian Alligood and Director of Community and Cultural Resources, John Rodman to meet with Ms. Aideuis to explain the location of the Dock Master Station. Mayor Jennings explained that a permanent structure cannot be built where the current restrooms are located.

Mayor Pro tem Roberson noted that the conversation originated at the coffee house on Water Street. He further explained there were three public hearings held on the location of the Dock Master Station and he noted some of the issues of the current location.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING: NONE

PUBLIC HEARING OTHER: NONE

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

Ms. Dot Moate stated this will be her last report on the Little Washington Sailing School as she is retiring. Ms. Moate introduced the new chairperson, Ms. Anne Kumins. Ms. Moate shared that the school was started under Washington Harbor District Alliance six years ago. The 5th year of classes saw an attendance of 100+ students. Ms. Moate provided the following highlights:

2013 Highlights:

- Received 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, April, 2013.
- Record registration of 100+ Students from Greenville, Washington, other towns in NC & out of State.
- US Sailing Instructor classes held in May; Instructor provided by US Sailing.
- 8 weeks all day classes for beginners, June 10 – August 2
- 2 weeks all day classes for advanced students – August 5 – August 16
- Pacific Seacraft repaired boats which were in tiptop shape at beginning of season.
- Promoted LWSS in WDN; Greenville Daily Reflector; Radio/TV Shows; Facebook; schools in Beaufort County & Greenville; MITS & Pirates Day; free boat rides at Summer Festival.
- Several former students returned to volunteer their time to the School.
- Teamed up with PAL (5 scholarships) plus 9 other scholarships to students.
- Regatta –Capt. Sam’s Boat docks – August 24 funds donated to LWSS.
- Purchased 14 new life jackets with funds donated by one of our volunteers, Diana Lambeth.
- Thanks to our foundation sponsors: Carolina Wind Yachting Center; Capt. Sam’s Boat Yard; Cypress Landing Yacht Club; Potash Corp-Aurora; Pamlico Sailing Club and Pacific Seacraft. Also to West Marine for providing good service w/discounts on items; Down on Main for preparing lunches each day.

- Donated \$200 to WHDA in support of the Weather Display Tower project.
- Ended season with the largest positive cash flow in the history of the school.
- Thank you to the City of Washington for supporting us and WHDA who was our founding organization.
- New Board Chairperson for LWSS, Anne Kumins.

Plans for 2014

- Hire new instructors; 1 lead instructor and 1 assistant instructor.
- Enhance our relationship with PAL and other programs to encourage more scholarship students to participate.
- Reduce the advanced class to one week session. (beginner classes are most popular)
- Move the classroom to larger facility.
- Increase number of students to maximum capacity of 120!

Mayor Jennings and members of City Council thanked Ms. Moate for her leadership and for being the spokesperson of the Little Washington Sailing School. Ms. Moate stated the Little Washington Sailing School appreciates the City of Washington partnering with the School.

Ms. Barbara Gaskins stated that last year she planned and implemented a Trunk or Treat event. Ms. Gaskins stated Halloween can be a great time for children and also it could be a time when children fall prey to potential predators. The event last year was solely funded by participants of several social clubs, bike and car clubs. The event last year was held at Beebe Park and was a safe alternative for our children. The event this year has been planned on October 31, 2013 at Beebe Park. Ms. Gaskins requested the following:

- lighting (darkness at the park is not safe)
- traffic control (hard to handle the traffic coming back and forth)
- City provide man power for use of firehouse (fire safety month and a speaker will be present to speak with the children)
- Would like to plan this as an annual event

Ms. Gaskins stated a meeting has been planned for Sunday, September 15, 2013 at Beebe Park beginning at 3:00 pm. There were over 200 participants at last year's Trunk or Treat. Promotion for this year's event is currently underway.

Mayor Jennings directed City Manager, Brian Alligood to meet with Ms. Gaskins to facilitate City efforts and to work out the logistics.

CORRESPONDENCE AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

REPORT – JULY AND AUGUST LOAD MANAGEMENT DEVICE INSTALLATION
(copy attached)

MEMO – GENERAL FUND BUDGET TRANSFER

The Budget Officer transferred \$3,900 of funding between the Parks & Rec. Admin. and Aquatic Center departments of the General Fund to provide additional funds needed to repair the roof and replace a booster pump at the Aquatic Center.

NCGS 159-15 states that this shall be reported to the Council at its next regular meeting and be entered in the minutes. I hereby request the transfer of funds as set forth below from one account to another, all within the same appropriations fund account, as permitted and authorized by the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Department	Account #	Object Classification	Amount
From:			
Recreation	10-40-6120	7401	\$2400
To:			
Recreation	10-40-6126	1600	\$2400

For the purpose of: replace current booster pump with a 1 horse power stainless steel booster pump with a 30 gallon expansion tank.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

**HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL
(Report approved as submitted)**

**WASHINGTON HARBOR DISTRICT ALLIANCE
(Report approved as submitted)**

**Washington Harbor District Alliance Report
Monday, September 3, 2013 City of Washington Council Meeting**

**Shop, Dine & Play in Downtown Washington Campaign
Second Postcard went out in July**

An 8.5 x 11" postcard was sent to 10,000 homes in Cypress Landing, Greenville and New Bern. WHDA is working on the third postcard mail-out scheduled to go out in October.

Downtown Motown deemed a success

According to our budget (not all invoices have been received) Downtown Motown raised \$7,250.00 for Washington Harbor District Alliance. These are important funds that can be used for projects to improve the Washington Harbor District Alliance. But we also judge the success of this event in other terms. We set out to create an event that would interest the whole community, thereby creating a racially diverse event. We successfully met those goals by hosting over 500 people in Festival Park for a great day of music and camaraderie.

Merchants

We are pleased to report that a new retail store "She's So Vain" has recently opened downtown. It is situated in the building that used to house the Curiosity Shop Restaurant.

Outreach

A couple of great media reports have help boost the visibility of downtown Washington. This one was run in July on NC Now on UNC TV: <http://video.pbs.org/video/2365046985/>

And this report came out of the partnership between WHDA and WNCT Channel 9 in promoting the Downtown Motown Event: <http://www.wnct.com/story/23242088/downtown-motown-to-help-fund-washington-waterfront-revitalization-plans>

Maritime Team

**WHDA Maritime Team
August 21, 2013**

This document serves to clarify the Washington Historic District Alliance's Maritime Team subcommittee's position on the Washington Waterfront Docks.

Goal 1:

Create and maintain a user-fee structure for the docks and services at the Docks, which will make the Docks as self-sustaining as possible, while staying competitive with those serving the market area.

Goal 2:

Operate all dock facilities in a safe and serviceable condition with a high level of maintenance that meets or exceeds the expectations of dock users.

Goal 3:

Serve the boating needs of the community and visitors for the present and future growth.

Goal 4:

Increase awareness and positive image of the Washington Waterfront Docks, including its direct and indirect benefit to the communities' economy.

WHDA Maritime Team's Recommended Management Structure:

The Maritime Team is in favor of reorganizing the Waterfront Docks as a separate department under the Community & Cultural Services Director with the creation of a Dock Master position responsible for the operation and management of the Waterfront Docks and an informal advisory group consisting of members of the WHDA Maritime Team.

The People Pier at the foot of Market Street. The Maritime Team wants to pursue public, private and grant funds and permits to build a public pier as recommended by the Visualization and Reinvestment Strategy of 2009 (See Attached)

The WHDA Maritime Team does not feel there is an immediate need for an expansion of the Waterfront Docks slips at this time as the existing slips are not fully utilized.
Fred Watkins, Chairman

**Key findings reached at the Visioning Charette held
August 10 -12, 2009 at the Washington Civic Center**

1. We create a “Harbor District” with the realization that to reach full potential and prosper the Central Business District and the Harbor’s waterfront must be viewed as one entity. This “Harbor District” theme will be our downtown’s “Brand”.
2. The Historic Washington Harbor District spans the area between the Bridges (now Bridge Street to Builders First Source) and Third Street to the North.
3. We must make the Harbor District a place which will attract our own citizens to: do business, live, eat and spend their leisure time. By making improvements that our citizens enjoy we will also make our downtown attractive to visitors.
4. We make the Harbor District Promenade a more enjoyable and user-friendly experience by creating: more shade (trellis’s above park benches and picnic tables) splash fountains for children, public piers, places to dine, and adding a multi-use, public, covered space between Respass and Market Streets for use as a Farmer’s Market, reunions, traditional music jams, etc.
5. **The Harbor District’s Festival Park (located between the Estuarium and the Maola building) will be designed for multi-use with a great lawn, public pier, and a pavilion for performances, which can also be used for other purposes (weddings, reunions, Summer Festival, Pick’ on the Pamlico). The park will have public restrooms.**
6. The Waterfront Hotel is placed in the center of town (Belk and Hotel Louise Buildings), with green space in between the Hotel and the water. The Hotel will have parking underneath and will serve as an “anchor” for the Harbor District. The Hotel will provide a place for our residents to house their guests and relatives when they come for weddings and reunions and will be the preferred place to stay for business travelers and tourists, providing much needed pedestrian traffic to support the retail shops and restaurants in our Central Business District.
7. We connect Main Street to the water by: reorienting the buildings on the South side of the Main toward the water and by creating pedestrian connections and views between Main and Market Streets and the river. **Public piers are placed at the ends of Respass and Market.**
8. We support the businesses in the Central Business District by modifying the right hand turn lanes (across from Gladden Street) and shrinking the Parkway and thus encouraging traffic.

FINANCIAL REPORTS (EMAILED AS AVAILABLE)

APPOINTMENTS – VARIOUS BOARDS COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES:

Board of Adjustment –

By motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council appointed Charlie Manning to the Board of Adjustment to fill the expired term of Claud Hodges, term to expire June 30, 2016.

Washington Electric Utilities Advisory Commission –

By motion of Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council appointed Melanie Everett to the Washington Electric Utilities Advisory Commission to fill the expired term of Gloria Crenshaw, term to expire June 30, 2016.

By motion of Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council appointed Warren Smith to the Washington Electric Utilities Advisory Commission to fill the unexpired term of Don Wilkinson, term to expire June 30, 2014.

Library Board of Trustees

Mayor Pro tem Roberson requested the Board of Library Trustees appointment be continued.

Warren Field Airport Advisory Board

Councilman Mercer requested the Warren Field Airport Advisory Board appointment be continued.

ADOPT – BUDGET ORDINANCE 2012-2013 PROJECTS NOT COMPLETED:

Councilman Mercer commented on the projects that weren't completed during the year. Councilman Mercer called attention to two computers totaling \$2,500. In addition, there was the recognition that the Vision 100 grant monies at the Airport would be carried forward from year to year. Councilman Mercer expressed concerns with projects in the Finance Department, Information Technology Department, Water Fund, right-of-way, and the Electric Department. Councilman Mercer stated he was opposed to the concept of carrying money forward to the next year. Mayor Jennings voiced we regularly have monies that were not spent because of services not contracted or provided in the year they were budgeted – the monies go into the fund and is pulled back out of the fund. Mr. Rauschenbach explained by way of an example that in the IT Department the fiber optic project didn't start until May/June reason being we installed a new phone system.

Discussion was held regarding the process used for funding projects not completed in one fiscal year.

Mr. Rauschenbach stated we have gone through this process every year since his employment with the City (the first year, we wrote purchase orders to ourselves) Council did not care for that practice and we change to the appropriation method.

By motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Councilman Pitt, Council adopted a Budget Ordinance Amendment to appropriate funds for projects that were budgeted in 2012-2013 and not completed by 3-1 vote. Motion carried – Councilman Mercer opposed.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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

Section 1. That the following accounts of General Fund revenue budget be increased or decreased by the respective amounts indicated for projects budgeted but not completed in 2012-2013:

10-00-3991-9910	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 37,425
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Section 2. That the following accounts of General Fund appropriations budget be increased or decreased by the respective amounts indicated for projects budgeted but not completed in 2012-2013:

10-00-4130-4500	Program Enhancements	\$ 5,000
10-00-4132-7400	Capital Outlay	24,112
10-40-6110-5601	Memorial Reimbursables	703
10-10-4350-4500	Housing Demolition	<u>7,610</u>
	Total	\$ 37,425

Section 3. That the following accounts of Water Fund revenue budget be increased or decreased by the respective amounts indicated for projects budgeted but not completed in 2012-2013:

30-90-3991-9910	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 51,441
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Section 4. That the following accounts of Water Fund appropriations budget be increased or decreased by the respective amounts indicated for projects budgeted but not completed in 2012-2013:

30-90-8100-0400	Professional Services	\$ 42,504
30-90-8180-4510	Water Line Easement	<u>8,937</u>
	Total	\$ 51,441

Section 5. That the following accounts of Electric Fund revenue budget be increased or decreased by the respective amounts indicated for projects budgeted but not completed in 2012-2013:

35-90-3991-9910	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$ 16,545
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Section 6. That the following accounts of Electric Fund appropriations budget be increased or decreased by the respective amounts indicated for projects budgeted but not completed in 2012-2013:

35-90-8375-0400	Contract Services	\$ 16,545
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Section 7. That the following accounts of Warren Field Airport Fund revenue budget be increased by the respective amounts indicated for projects budgeted but not completed in 2012-2013:

37-90-3453-0005	Grant Funds 36244.51.8.1	\$ 15,285
37-90-3490-0008	Grant Funds 36244.51.8.2	22,315
37-90-3991-9910	Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>37,191</u>
	Total	\$74,791

Section 8. That the following accounts of Warren Field Airport Fund appropriations budget be increased by the respective amounts indicated for projects budgeted but not completed in 2012-2013:

37-90-4530-4521	Vision 100 Grant 51.8.1	\$ 16,984
37-90-4530-4522	Vision 100 Grant 51.8.2	24,793
37-90-4530-5740	Gustnado Expense	<u>33,014</u>
37-90-9990-9900	Total	\$ 74,791

Section 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 10. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 9th day of September, 2013.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett, CMC
City Clerk

s/N. Archie Jennings, III
Mayor

**ADOPT – BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR OUTSTANDING PURCHASE
ORDERS FROM FY 12/13 (\$1,574,170)**

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council adopted a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$1,574,170 for purchase orders outstanding from fiscal year 2012-2013 that are being brought forward into fiscal year 2013-2014 for payment

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C.
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

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

Section 1. That the following amounts are hereby appropriated for spending in FY 13/14 in order to satisfy existing contracts, grant obligations, and purchase orders at the end of last fiscal year.

Schedule A. General Fund

Human Resources	\$1,100
Finance	6,225
Information Systems	28,291
Code Enforcement/Inspections	24,302
Municipal Building	96,041
Miscellaneous	11,755
Police	8,283
Fire	249
Planning/Zoning	5,680
Powell Bill Allocation	40,943
Outside Agencies	5,000
Library	1,215
Recreation Administration	7,300
Recreation Events & Facilities	9,031
Senior Programs	370
Civic Center	1,300
Waterfront Docks	394
Aquatic Center	13,526
Parks & Grounds	<u>61,240</u>
Total	\$322,245

Schedule B. Water Fund

Water Meter Service	\$235
Water Treatment Plant	6,039
Water Maintenance	10,852
Water Construction	<u>69,677</u>
Total	\$86,803

Schedule C. Sewer Fund

Wastewater Maintenance	\$43,655
Miscellaneous	111,142
Wastewater Construction	83,823
Wastewater Treatment Plant	45,067
Sewer Lift Stations	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$285,687

Schedule D. Storm water Fund

Operations	\$44,651
Nutrient Control	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$45,651

Schedule E. Electric Fund

Utility Communications	\$1,200
Electric Director	76,776
Meter Services	0
Substation Maintenance	91,075
Load Management	7,090
Power Line Maintenance	2,000
Power Line Construction	<u>324,107</u>
Total	\$502,248

Schedule F. Airport Fund

Operations	\$329,022
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Schedule G. Cemetery Fund

Operations \$2,514

Section 2. That the following revenues be increased in the respective amounts to meet the foregoing obligations:

General Fund Balance Appropriated	322,245
Water Fund Balance Appropriated	86,803
Sewer Fund Balance Appropriated	285,687
Storm Water Fund Balance Appropriated	45,651
Electric Fund Balance Appropriated	502,248
Vision 100 Grant Funds 36237.38.10.1	97,980
Vision 100 Grant Funds 36244.51.8.1	20,198
Vision 100 Grant Funds 36244.51.8.2	163,759
Airport Fund Balance Appropriated	47,085
Solid Waste Fund Balance Appropriated	0
Cemetery Fund Balance Appropriated	<u>2,514</u>
Total	\$1,574,170

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 9th day of September, 2013.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett, CMC
City Clerk

s/N. Archie Jennings, III
Mayor

AWARD – CONTRACT FOR EXPANSION OF ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT STORAGE EQUIPMENT SHELTER

Mayor Pro tem Roberson inquired if we followed the normal procedure and wanted to know if we went out for bids. Mr. Rauschenbach stated ‘yes’ – 3 informal bids were received. Also, Mayor Pro tem Roberson expressed there are concerns when we do projects some feel they are exempt from the building permit – response ‘no they are not exempt’ the bidder is aware that he will need to coordinate with the Inspection Department. Mr. Alligood noted in the future staff will make sure they list the informal bids.

By motion of Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council awarded a contract to RedIron Associates, LLC in the amount of \$46,500 and approved corresponding purchase order.

APPROVE – BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR ELECTRIC FUND – SOLAR FARM PROJECT #4 (\$450,200)

Councilman Mercer stated Interconnect Agreements obligate the City for a period of 35 years and he is concerned with that length of time and feels it is then a contract. Also, Councilman Mercer requested Council review all future Interconnect Agreements.

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council adopted a budget ordinance amendment in the amount of \$450,200 for Solar Project #4 in the electric fund.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, N.C.
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014**

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

Section 1. That the Estimated Revenues in the Electric Fund be increased in the amount of \$450,200 in the account Solar Project 4, account number 35-90-3500-3670.

Section 2. That the following account numbers in the Electric Director portion of the Electric Fund appropriations budget be increased by the amounts indicated:

35-90-7220-0470	Solar Project 4	\$450,200
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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 9th day of September, 2013.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett, CMC
City Clerk

s/N. Archie Jennings, III
Mayor

APPROVE – INTERCONNECT AGREEMENTS FOR SOLAR SYSTEM

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council agreed that all future Interconnect Agreements for Solar system be reviewed by the Council for their approval.

ADOPT – RESOLUTION HONORING S. ELLIS HANKINS

Councilman Pitt read the following resolution in honor of S. Ellis Hankins retirement from the North Carolina League of Municipalities for thirty years of service.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON HONORING S. ELLIS HANKINS

Whereas, S. Ellis Hankins, Executive Director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, a leader in municipal government and leadership for nearly thirty years, has announced his retirement; and,

Whereas, S. Ellis Hankins was born and raised in North Carolina, chose to get his higher education in North Carolina, he married and raised his family in North Carolina, and worked his entire career in the State of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, S. Ellis Hankins began his career with the League in October, 1982 as Assistant General Counsel and moved up through the ranks of Associate General Counsel, General Counsel and Chief Legislative Lobbyist until departing the League in 1994; and,

Whereas, S. Ellis Hankins returned to the North Carolina League of Municipalities as Executive Director in 1997 and is only the fifth full-time Executive Director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities in the 105 year history of the membership association representing nearly every municipality in the State of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, the work of S. Ellis Hankins benefitted the citizens of the cities and towns of the State of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, S. Ellis Hankins has worked to promote good government in North Carolina through the League's offering non-partisan advocacy, insurance and other services as directed by the membership; and,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Washington, hereby honors S. Ellis Hankins, of the North Carolina League of Municipalities for faithful service and lasting contributions to municipal government and the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 9th day of September 2013.

ATTEST:

s/Cynthia S. Bennett, CMC
City Clerk

s/N. Archie Jennings, III
Mayor

By motion of Councilman Mercer, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council adopted the Resolution honoring S. Ellis Hankins for his years of service to the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

**CLOSED SESSION – UNDER § NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) ATTORNEY CLIENT
PRIVILEGE AND 143-318.11(a)(1) DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION AND 143-318.10 (e) THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

By motion of Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council agreed to enter closed session under § NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney Client Privilege, 143-318.11(a)(1) Disclosure of Confidential Information, and 143-318.10(e) The Public Records Act at 6:15 PM.

By motion of Councilman Brooks, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Roberson, Council agreed to come out of Closed Session at 6:40 pm.

ADJOURN – UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

By motion of Councilman Pitt, seconded by Councilman Brooks, Council adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm until Monday, September 23, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

Cynthia S. Bennett, CMC
City Clerk