

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 19-954

**A RESOLUTION BY THE WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
OF THE WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT TO
COMMIT GENERAL FUND (1), FUND BALANCE
2019 CALENDAR YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued statement No. 54 establishing a hierarchy of fund balances as follows:

- **Non-Spendable Fund Balance** – Amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact. Examples are inventory, pre-paid expenses, and revolving cash fund amounts.
- **Restricted Fund Balance** – Amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers (such as grantors) or enabling legislation. Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of the resource providers.
- **Committed Fund Balance** – Amounts subject to internal constraints self-imposed by the Government's highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Washington Parish Council taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.
- **Assigned Fund Balance** – Amounts the Government intends to use for a specific purpose. Assignments may be established by the governing board or by a designee of the Board. Examples include site carry-overs and accrued vacation.
- **Unassigned Fund Balance** – Amounts representing the residual balance in the General Fund that has not been assigned to other funds and that are not in the other classifications; and

WHEREAS, GASB Statement No. 54 further clarifies the constraints that govern how a governmental entity can use and designate amounts reported as fund balance and stipulates that the Fund Balance can only be Committed by action of the highest level of decision-making authority of the governmental entity; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council is the highest level of decision-making authority, and has the authority to commit, assign, or evaluate existing fund balance classifications and identify the intended uses of committed or assigned funds pursuant to Board Policy; and

WHEREAS, the committed fund balance classification reflects amounts subject to internal constraints self-imposed by the Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, once the committed fund balance constraints are imposed it requires the constraint to be removed by the Parish Council prior to redirecting the funds for other purposes; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the, Washington Parish Council, in accordance with the provisions of GASB 54, hereby commits the following portion of fund balance, as indicated by the Committed Fund classification.

Funds cannot be used for any purpose other than directed below, unless the Parish Council adopts another resolution to remove or change the constraint:

- Funds in the amount of \$250,000 shall be set aside in the General Fund (Fund1) for emergency and disaster response costs and or projects. This commitment shall apply to each year starting with the calendar year 2019 and continue in perpetuity until subsequent action is taken by the Council to formally remove the constraint.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote thereupon resulted as follows:

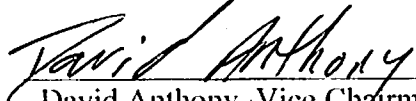
Roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: (6) Anthony, Talley, Fussell, Lewis, McMasters and Fornea

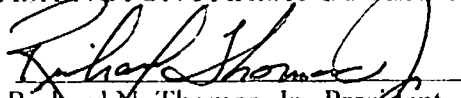
NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Workman

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David Anthony, Vice Chairman

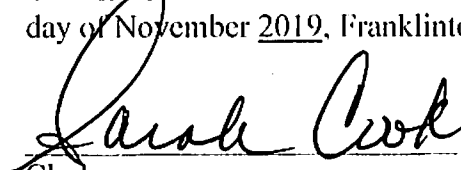
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Richard N. Thomas, Jr., President

CERTIFICATION

I SARAH COOK, CLERK OF THE WASHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL hereby certify that foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Washington Parish Council in Regular Session convened on the 18th day of November 2019.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this 18th day of November 2019, Franklinton Louisiana.


Clerk
Washington Parish Council

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