



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall July 8, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Walter Darden for opening prayer.

Mayor Ferguson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2013 regular meeting. Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox presented the June financial report with the July cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the items on the agenda and to add the City of West Point Forward Grant and Loan Fund Program to the agenda said motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and the amended agenda **passed unanimously.**

INTERCALL PROCLAMATION

Mayor Ferguson presented a proclamation to Team InterCall for raising \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society-Relay for Life. Lead by Holly Hanners and Christy Thompson Team InterCall decided to Go Bald for a Cure. Tuesday, June 25, 2013 shall be known as ‘Team InterCall-Bald is Beautiful Day’ in the City of West Point.

APPOINT ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT FOR CITY ELECTIONS

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Richard McCoy as superintendent for the City of West Point 2013 Municipal Election. Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve the Downtown Master Plan with the adjustments of not including moving the City Hall because of the cost associated with moving the building and to give more consideration to the pedestrian crossing and lanes without closing two lanes of Highway 29. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE WEST POINT KWICK STOP 501 3rd AVE.

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an Off-Premise Consumption Malt Beverage and Wine License to Ashaben Kirtikumar Patel at 501 3rd Ave, West Point Kwick Stop. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox and **pass unanimously**.

LIQUOR, MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE WING & MORE 906 AVE. E

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an On-Premise Consumption Liquor, Malt Beverage and Wine License to Kwiryeon Kim at 906 Avenue E. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **pass unanimously**

CITY OF WEST POINT FORWARD GRANT & LOAN PLAN

Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson made a motion to approve the Forward Fund Grant and Loan fund Program. The mission of this fund is to encourage sustainable community development projects that further the economic growth of the community, create employment and housing opportunities for residents, and generally improve the City. The area of specific focus for this program is the 10th Street Area Redevelopment Plan designated district. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III. During the discussion, Councilmember Downs made a motion to amend Councilmember Wilkinson motion to designate the \$20,000 for Youth Services to West

Point Elementary School. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion made by Councilmember Downs. The amendment **passed with a 4-2 vote**. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and Councilmember Judy Wilkinson **voted No**. After another brief discussion, Councilmember Judy R. Wilkinson made a motion to amend the amended motion to state \$20,000 will be designated for Youth Services. Councilmember Wilkinson’s motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter. The **amended motion failed 2-4 vote**. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and Councilmember Judy Wilkinson **voted Yes**. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs amended the amended motion to specifically state West Point Elementary School receives the \$20,000 instead of Youth Services and the funding will be for five years instead of two years was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton. After a lengthy discussion the amended motion by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III **passed unanimously**.

The Forward Fund guideline is established based on the guidelines below.

First 5 Years

1. The City will establish the West Point Forward Grant and Loan Fund. The City will establish the fund with \$2.5 million dollars. The council will approve a policy for the disbursement of the Forward Funds. The City will hire an AICP certified planner to manage the program. The salary for the first 5 years will be paid from the Forward Fund. The employee will work in the Community Development and Planning Department.
2. The City will increase the General Fund - \$1,040,000 - \$20,000 annually to the West Point Elementary after school program and \$940,000 to the general fund. The general fund obligation will be used to strengthen the cities financial position.
3. The City will, in collaboration with the Trust for Public Land, acquire additional park land and easements to connect the river park to the Corps of Engineers property at West Point Dam. This will complete the vision the city developed in various plans a decade ago to build a trail from the city to the dam. The West Point contribution will be \$460,000.

Five Year Funding Schedule

	Forward Fund	TPL Park Space	General Fund
Year 1	\$700,000	\$80,000	\$20,000
Year 2	\$700,000	\$80,000	\$20,000
Year 3	\$600,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Year 4	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Year 5	\$0	\$100,000	\$700,000

*The remaining 11 years funding received from Kia will go directly to General Fund operation. The total funding for operations will be \$2 million.

OTHER

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor