



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall May 11, 2015 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 Steven M. Tramell

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter for opening prayer.

Mayor Ferguson led the Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting of the Mayor and City Council to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall presented the April financial report with the May cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox and **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Ferguson reviewed the listed agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously**.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND – WP 2100/JOHNNY’S PIZZA BUILDING

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve a loan in the amount of \$410,000 dollars to the owner of the Jonny’s Pizza building. City staff is authorized to move forward with the process of making the loan based on the financial analysis provided to the council. The loan will meet the criteria of the Revolving Loan Fund program by retaining and creating low and moderate income positions. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously**.

MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SHELL MART AT 1000 AVE E

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve an off premise malt beverage and wine license application for Shell Mart at 1000 Avenue E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously**

MOTION TO CLOSE 1ST AVENUE BETWEEN WEST 6TH STREET & WEST 7TH STREET

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to close the section of 1st Avenue between West 6th and West 7th Street. The area will be used for a park that will be opened to the general public for various activities to include passive park space. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously**.

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A ONE WAY STREET 1ST AVENUE BETWEEN WEST 7TH STREET AND THE LOWER CITY HALL PARKING LOT

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to create a section of one-way street on 1st Avenue between West 7th Street and the lower city hall parking lot. The section of street will remain open to the public. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously**.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to enter into an Economic Development Agreement with the West Point Development Authority and the West Point Downtown Development Authority. The agreement details the hiring of an Economic Development Director that will be a full time city employee. The employee will focus on economic development efforts for the City of West Point, Downtown West Point

Development Authority and the West Point Development Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **carried unanimously.**

NAME CITY PARK

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to name the new expansion of the City Park in memory and honor of Mr. John Hoggs or “Coach Hoggs” who served the City of West Point as a teacher and coach at West Point High School, as a member of the West Point Housing Authority Board, and as a member of the West Point City Council for 18 years. As a dedicated public servant John Hoggs touched the lives of many West Point citizens. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

SPLASH PARK

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to designate a site within the City Park as the location of a Splash Park (defined as a recreational facility with aquatic water features). The splash park will be constructed with SPLOST funds. Bids received by Troup County for the construction of a splash park may be appropriate for the city use in selecting a contractor. City staff should move forward with securing a bid or bids for the construction of a splash park and support facilities at this site as well as defining other operation needs or policies. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

GDOT MAINTENANCE & OPERATION AGREEMENT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve a Maintenance and Operation Agreement between the City of West Point and the Georgia Department of Transportation to operate an electric vehicle charging station at the West Point Georgia Welcome Center. The charging station will be owned by the city and will be the first station of its kind located at the welcome center in the southeastern United States. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously.**

OTHER

Mayor Ferguson stated Ms. Aileen Love, Mr. Ralph Davidson, and Mr. Jack Combs have recently passed and asked we keep their families in our prayers. He expressed gratitude for their commitment to West Point and the Greater Valley area.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton echoed the Mayor sentiments and she also stated Ms. Dee Dee Williams was in a bicycle accident and asked we keep her in our prayers.

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter stated this week is National Police Appreciation Week and asked we show our appreciation to our local law enforcement.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor