



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall November 11, 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 Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter for opening prayer. Mayor Ferguson asked everyone to join him in congratulating Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox and his new bride wishing them happiness. Councilmember Wilcox was married Saturday, November 9th.

Mayor Ferguson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2013 regular meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox presented the October financial report with the November cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson and **passed unanimously**.

AGENDA

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the items on the agenda. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson and **passed unanimously**.

REZONE & ANNEXATION REQUEST BY HARRIS COUNTY

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to rezone two tracts of land in Land Lot 177 of the fifth land district of Harris County parcel #006018A totaling 2 acres and parcel #006018B totaling 9.85 acres and owned by Harris County Development Authority from the existing zoning of residential/agricultural to the zoning of I-2 heavy industrial. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously**.

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to annex two tracts of land in Land Lot 177 of the fifth land district of Harris County parcel #006018A totaling 2 acres and parcel #006018B totaling 9.85 acres and owned by Harris County Development Authority. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously**.

2014 CHIP GRANT FOR HOUSING

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an administrative services contract with DASH for Lagrange, Inc. for services to include the application for Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) Grant funds and if the grant is awarded perform all duties required to process the loans and administer the program in compliance with all regulations. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve a resolution to submit a grant request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for funding und the 2014 CHIP program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson and **passed unanimously**.

KOPLA AGREEMENT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve a project development agreement between the City of West Point and KOPLA America, Inc. creating 100 new jobs and a \$15 million dollar investment in the Northwest Harris County Business Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson and **passed unanimously**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion for the Mayor and Council to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and **passed unanimously**.

MAYOR & COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Thomas Scott to the Keep Troup Beautiful Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint Joy Johnson to the Keep Troup Beautiful Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Dee Dee Williams to the West Point Development Authority Board. The term will expire 12/31/2015. The motion was seconded by Gloria R. Marshall **and passed on a 5 to 1 vote.**
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson voting No.

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Larry Duncan to the West Point Historic Commission a term that will expire 10/1/2016. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson made a motion to appoint Bob Hicks to the West Point Historic Commission a term that will expire 10/1/2016. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor