



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall October 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell reviewed the agenda and proceeded with the work session.

Public Comments on any Item

There were no public comments.

New Business

- **2017 Budget Presentation**

City Manager Ed Moon reviewed the 2016 major economic development projects which included TE Phase III, Virginia Cook Center, Police & Court Services Division, Abbey Glenn Phase I, Parks, The Highlands, Daesol investing 35,000,000 with 110 jobs, abbey Glenn Phase II, Harris Creek Phase II, and Point University Residents Hall breaking ground. Key elements of the 2017 Budget will include 2% COLA, (2) Police vehicles, Police Camera System, City Software System, and retire Depot debt. There will be no Water, Sewer, Electric, or Gas rate increases. Total operating budget will be \$19.4 million dollars. Copies of the budget are available at City Hall and the budget is posted on the City's web-site.

- **Board & Committee Appointments**

City Manager Ed Moon gave an overview of the importance of Board Authorities and Commissions and how they have help to shape or influence public policy and how their endeavors reflect the varied interests of West Point citizenry. Some boards and

commissions are required and established by state law, while others result from provisions of the City Charter or from local ordinances. They make recommendations on a wide range of topics that come before the City Council. The final two appointments for 2016 are Troup County Parks & Recreation Kris Cagle is the incumbent and has agreed to serve another term and the West Point Development Authority Wiki Gladden is the incumbent and has agreed to serve another term. The appointments will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

- **Agreement Regarding Hotel/Motel Tax Expenditures**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the agreement regarding Hotel/Motel Tax Expenditures will be between the City of West Point and the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce. The agreement will begin November 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and will automatically renew for subsequent one (1) year terms upon the mutual agreement of each parties. The Chamber shall provide to the City a plan for expenditures for the promotion of tourism, conventions and trade shows within the City of West Point. The City shall remit to the Chamber 100% of the total Hotel/Motel taxes collected until such time as payments total \$10,000.00.

- **Budget Public Hearing (WS Nov 10th)**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there will be a public hearing regarding the 2017 Budget on Thursday, November 10th at 8:15 am before the work session. The public is encouraged to attend.

- **Minute Proclamation for World Pancreatic Cancer Day (CM)**

City Manager Ed Moon stated a Proclamation declaring November 17 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the City of West Point will be on the next agenda. Approximately 1,090 deaths will occur in Georgia in 2016 and estimated 418,451 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed worldwide in 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Session to discuss Personnel

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and the motion **passed unanimously**. Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell stated there will be no action taken on the personnel matter.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned