



Work Session of the Mayor and Council were held in the Council room of West Point City Hall October 8, 2015 at 8:15 a.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson speaking on behalf of the Mayor and Council offered his condolence to the family of Lanett Mayor Oscar Crawley. He stated Mayor Crawley was a vital part of the growth and development of the Valley area and he champion public safety. Mayor Crawley passed on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Mayor Ferguson opened the following Public Hearings:

Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the Annexation request by Willie Barber. Mr. Barber has requested 2 acres on Old West Point Road near Highway 103 to be annexed into the City of West Point. The zoning being requested is RI-A (Single-Family Residential). Mr. Willie Barber and Mr. Willie Rutledge stated they were in favor of the annexation. There were no further public comments.

Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the Annexation request by City of West Point. The City has requested .5 acres on Old West Point Road near Highway 103 to be annexed into the City of West Point. The zoning being requested is MXD-1 (Mixed Use res/com). The parcel # is 006 051B land lot 226 located in the 5th District of Harris County. There were no public comments.

Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the Annexation request by Harris Co. Development Authority has requested 114.5 acres on Davidson Road near Highway 103 to be annexed into the City of West Point. The zoning being requested is I-2 (Heavy Industrial). The parcel # is 006 006 land lot 169 located in the 5th District of Harris County. There were no public comments.

Work Session Meeting Called to Order / Review Agenda

Mayor Ferguson called the work session meeting to order and reviewed the agenda items for the meeting.

Public Comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

New Business

- **Annexation request by Willie Barber**

City Planner Sara Thompson stated there were no changes from the last work session. Mr. Willie Barber III has asked 2 acres on Old West Point Road near Highway 103 to be annexed into the City of West Point. The zoning being requested is RI-A (Single-Family Residential). The application has been forward to Harris County for review as required by O.C.G.A. 36-36-2. The West Point Planning Board reviewed the request and recommends the annexation. The application will be on the next agenda.

- **Annexation request by City of West Point**

City Planner Sara Thompson stated there were no changes from the last work session. The City of West Point has asked .5 acres on Old West Point Road near Highway 103 to be annexed into the City of West Point. The zoning being requested is MXD-1 (Mixed Use res/com). The parcel # is 006 051B land lot 226 located in the 5th District of Harris County. The application has been forward to Harris County for review as required by O.C.G.A. 36-36-2. The West Point Planning Board reviewed the request at its October 5, 2015 meeting and recommends the annexation. The application will be on the next agenda.

- **Annexation request by Harris Co. Development Authority**

City Planner Sara Thompson stated there were no changes from the last work session. The Harris County Development Authority has asked 114.5 acres on Davidson Road near Highway 103 to be annexed into the City of West Point. The zoning being requested is I-2 (Heavy Industrial). The parcel # is 006 006 land lot 169 located in the 5th District of Harris County. The application has been forward to Harris County for review as required by O.C.G.A. 36-36-2. The Harris County Board of Commissioners did not file any objections. The West Point Planning Board had no opposition to the annexation. The application will be on the next agenda.

- **Ante Litem Notice – Matthew Senn, False Arrest and Malicious Prosecution**

City Attorney Jeffrey Todd stated there were no changes from the last work session. The City of West Point has received an Ante Litem Notice from Kenneth D. Teal Attorney at Law representing Matthew Senn. Mr. Senn intends to file a claim and/or civil action for damages against the City and others in connection with injuries sustained from being arrested on April 12th outside of a local restaurant. Mr. Todd stated his recommendation will be for the Mayor and Council to deny the claim and he would forward the denial to the claimant attorney.

- **Forward Fund Request from City of West Point Police Department**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work session. The Mayor and Council will be asked at the next business meeting to approve funding for the renovation of the newly acquired property on West 9th Street formerly the telephone Company for the purpose of a Police Station. The estimated cost is around \$280,000.

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation**

Mayor Ferguson stated October was Cancer Awareness month and he asked all citizens to support the activities in our area that is bringing attention to the treatment and cure for cancer.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor Ferguson welcomed Meghan Duke to the city. Ms. Duke began her new job as Economic Director on October 5, 2015.

City Planner Sara Thompson stated she has received notification that the Department of Community Affairs has approved the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Ferguson stated the approval of the Comprehensive Plan will be added to the next agenda.

City Planner Sammy Osborne gave a brief update on the River Park Project. He stated the project is nearing complete. The building should be completed by the first of next week. Work will begin on the SPLASH Pad after the completion of the SPLASH Park.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated 92 children with 42 families signed up for the Christmas gifts donation through the Salvation Army.

Chief Bailey stated the Minister Conference that was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 was a huge success. He thanked everyone who attended.

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter stated the ride on the Floating Class Room boat was enjoyable and educational. He thanked everyone who attended and the people working to keep the river clean by monitoring the quality of the river.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.