



**City of West Point**  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 13, 2026 @ 5:30PM  
West Point Council Chambers

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers on April 13, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel B. Finlay  
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Kevin Patrick  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Steve M. Tramell led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Rezoning request made by LBC Mechanical, at Kia Boulevard and Sandtown Road. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow public comment on the Zoning and Annexation for parcel number 0770 0000028E in Troup County. Zoning District in CGN: General Commercial and wishes to zone to I-1: Light Industrial district. The plan is to construct a 6,000 SF shop and office with adequate parking.

No public comment.

Mayor Steve M. Tramell called the business meeting of the Council to order.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Steve M. Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Finlay read the first quarter financial report. Monthly Financial Report Quarter 1:

General Government Revenue	1,713,934.56
General Government Expenses	2,313,100.17

Utilities Revenues	4,232,210.86
Utilities Expenses	4,041,005.49
Sanitation Revenue	126,959.16
Sanitation Expense	122,557.73
General Fund Balance 4/1/2026	5,453,163.14

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA**

Mayor Steve M. Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Kevin Patrick made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation for Valley Haven School**

Mayor Steve Tramell presented a proclamation to Don Cleveland for the Valley Haven School. Valley Haven School provides a valuable service to our area individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is the 50th Annual Hike/Bike/Run on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**Principal Keneithia Cook, West Point Elementary School Update**

Principal Cook shared several of the things going on at West Point Elementary. Their vision is to educate students to create a learning environment where students are motivated, where they're inspired, where all students have the opportunity to become learners and productive members of society. To share a few initiatives are Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems, House System (RCA), Enrichment Opportunities After School, 4H/Career Labs, Tools of Trade Career Day, Read Learn Grow Volunteer Program, Hyundai Mobis Junior Engineering Event, Continental Society Incorporated.

**Georgia Municipal Association Fire Truck Lease Agreement**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Municipal Association for the purpose of a Fire Truck Lease. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made a motion to approve a resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute lease supplements for a lease under the Georgia Municipal Association Direct Leasing Program to purchase a new fire truck. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

**Mainstreet Program Memorandum of Understanding**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion for the Mainstreet Program Memorandum of Understanding. Councilmember Kevin Patrick made a motion to approve a MOU agreement with Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development to enter the Georgia Mainstreet Start-Up Program for the 2026-2027 Program Cycle. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

Mayor Tramell stated the City Historic Preservation Commission currently has a residency requirement for its members. It is the only board, with the exception of the Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission, that enforces such a requirement. Although all current members were residents of the city at the time of their appointment, three members no longer reside full-time within city limits. Following a review by the City Council, City Attorney, and staff, it is recommended that Section 2-42(C) of the City Code be amended to remove the residency requirement for the Historic Preservation Commission.

If the Council approves this amendment, the three affected seats will be declared open, and applications will be accepted until Tuesday, April 28, at 5:00 p.m. All submitted applications will be taken into consideration.

Do I hear a motion to amend the ordinance.

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to amend the city ordinance to remove the residency requirement for individuals serving on the Historic Preservation Commission Board, the ordinance shall read as follows; *Members:* The commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the mayor and ratified by the ~~aldermen~~ council. All members shall be ~~residents of the city and shall be~~ persons who have demonstrated special interest, experience or education in history, architectural history, planning, architecture or the preservation of historic resources. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

### **Troup Count Parks and Recreation Board Appointment**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to appoint two members to the Troup County Parks & Recreation Commission. Councilmemeber Gloria Marshall made a motion to appoint Henry Hutchinson and Jamarequenus Scott to the Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

### **Rezoning Request by LBC Mechanical**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to act on a rezoning request from LBC Mechanical, located at the intersection of Kia Boulevard and Sandtown Road. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to grant the rezoning request of LBC Mechanical, Parcel No.

0770 000028E Troup County from a Zoning of General Commercial to a zoning of I-1 Light Industrial. The motion was seconded by Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

**OTHER**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announced tickets are sold out for the Betty LaGayle Foundation event is Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the West Point Depot.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Steve M. Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Kristin Lester, City Clerk

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Steven M. Tramell, Mayor