City of West Point
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2026@5:30PM
West Point Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers on November 9, 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 Kevin Patrick
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Steve M. Tramell led the pledge of allegiance.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Steve M. Tramell opened the Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow public comment on the Proposed 2027 City Budget.

No public Comment.

Mayor Steve M. Tramell closed the Public Hearing.

MINUTES

Mayor Steve M. Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2026, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Kevin Patrick made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Kevin Patrick read the October 2026 financial report:

General Government Revenue	149,115.00
General Government Expenses	878,876.29

Utilities Revenues	1,260,754.52
Utilities Expenses	1,161,447.26
Sanitation Revenue	43,207.47
Sanitation Expense	83,582.02
General Fund Balance 10/1/2026	3,291,184.97

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

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus City Vehicles and Equipment

Mayor Tramell requested a motion to surplus city vehicles and equipment. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to motion to declare the following Public Works Department vehicles and equipment as surplus, as they are no longer in service, and authorize their sale through GovDeals: 200-Gallon Commercial Gas Power Sprayer System, Serial# ending with 0011, 1996 Ford F150 Truck, VIN# ending with 8670, 2000 International 4700 4x2 T444E Street Sweeper, VIN# ending with 8327, 1994 GM Kodiak Sway Car VIN# ending with 0029. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Patrick; **passed unanimously**.

Memorandum of Understanding with Hyundai Transys Georgia Powertrain

Mayor Steve Tramell requested a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Hyundai Transys Gerogia Powertrain? Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Hyundai Transys Georgia Powertrain's proposed $559.2 million expansion, which includes upgrades to two existing facilities and construction of a third facility. The project is expected to create 323 new jobs, retain 1,258 existing jobs, and includes a property tax abatement schedule of 100% in Year 1, 65% in Years 2–5, and 50% in Years 6–20. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

Christmas on the Hooch

Mayor Steve Tramell requested a motion to approve a sponsorship for the Christmas on the Hooch. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve a $5,000 sponsorship for the Christmas on the Hooch event to be held on December 5, 2026, at the West Point Depot. The event will feature free activities and other festive attractions for hundreds of children at no cost. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

OTHER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton expressed her appreciation to W. Lee Mortuary for hosting a successful Fall Festival. She also asked that everyone keep Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall's husband, Elijah, in their thoughts and prayers as he recovers from surgery.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Kristin Lester, City Clerk Steven M. Tramell, Mayor