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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall April 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

**Agenda Reviewed**

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

**Public Comments on agenda Item**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

• **Amendment Variable Message Sign Regulations**

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell stated there were no changes from the previous work session. A resolution to amend the City of West Point sign ordinance changing Variable message signs to be allowed in CGN, CHV, I-1, and I-2 zones. The amendment includes:

- A. No sign shall flash, blink, show animation or video or display any effect that has the appearance of motion including moving text.
- The sign static message shall change no more frequently than every 20 seconds (three times per minute). The transition between the static display of a fully illuminated message and the static display of the next fully illuminated message shall be no more than 2 seconds.
- Variable message signs shall be installed in monument sign applications only. (except where allowed in other parts of the ordinance)
- Variable message sign may not operate at a brightness level of more than 0.20 foot candles above ambient light levels as measured at a distance of 150 feet. The owner shall provide a certificate of lumens showing compliance to the city.
- Each sign must have a light sensing device that will adjust the brightness of the display as the natural ambient light conditions change.

- If the city finds that the sign is malfunctioning, impairs the vision of drivers or negatively impacts nearby residential property the owner, within 24 hours, shall reduce the intensity to a level acceptable to the city.
- Signs may only be used to advertise businesses that are located on the property. There will be no off premises advertising allowed.

Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter asked the procedure for handling abandon signs be added to the amendment. There are several signs around exit two that need to be removed. The abandon signs are an eye sore at the gateway to our city and needs to be removed.

The amendment will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

- **State Elections Board Case**

City Attorney Jeffery Todd stated there were no changes from the last work session. He gave a detail time line of election case, starting with the November 10, 2015 Troup County Superior Court case that was brought by Deedee Williams. The Case was dismissed by Judge Kirby on December 20, 2016. The State Election Board forward complaints that was made during the May 20, 2014 General primary and the November 3, 2015, City of West Point General Election to the Attorney General office. The Attorney General Office issued a consent order finding the City of West Point \$250.00 for the May, 2014 election and \$800.00 for the November, 2015 election. He stated none of the minor procedural issues impacted the outcome of the election. The cost to the City of West Point to defend the allegations will be around \$6000 to 7,000.

- **Construction Specifications for Water System**

Mayor Pro-Tem stated there were no changes from the previous work session. The recommended changes to the Construction Specifications for water are for the Contractors to add a drawing to their specifications and to add a different meter box. A box with two meters. The Construction Specifications for water contractors will be on the next agenda for consideration.

- **Valley Haven Proclamation (Council Meeting)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Tramell stated a proclamation for Valley Haven School will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

### **Consider Items for Meeting**

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell reviewed the items on the next business agenda.

### **Mayor, Council, and other Comments**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell asked that the Council Keep City Manager Ed Moon and Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall families in their prayers.

### **ADJOURN**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton. **Passed unanimously.** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.