



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall May 28, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember “Henry” Hutchinson
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Deedee Williams

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Steve Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments on agenda Item

There were no more public comments.

New Business

• **Fire Department Grant**

Fire Chief Milton Smith presented that the West Point Fire Department has been selected to receive a \$15,000 grant from the Charter Foundation for the purchase of a new Cardiac Monitor.

• **Surplus City Vehicle**

Ed Moon presented that the city staff request the surplus of one 2017 Ford F-150 4x4 truck. If the vehicle is declared as surplus it will be listed on GovDeals.com.

• **Harris County Service Delivery Strategy**

Ed Moon presented that the Planning Director of the River Valley Regional Commission is requesting the member governments in Harris County amend its Service Delivery Strategy to include Neighborhood Revitalization. Based on the fact that Neighborhood Revitalization programs are ongoing in some cities in Harris County including Neighborhood Revitalization in the SDS will bring the document into compliance with DCA requirements. This will assist cities in Harris County in application and award of future programs.

- **West Point Development Authority Forward Fund Request**

Ed Moon presented a WPDA Forward Fund request. The grant request is for \$80,000 to purchase property at 800 East 10th Street containing 18 residential and 2 commercial buildings. The property is in poor condition and is a blight condition to the 10th Street corridor. The WPDA has agreed to purchase the property from CDR Inc for \$288,000. CDR Inc has a contract with the current owner for \$258,000. CDR Inc will remove the two commercial properties and 12 residential properties of approximately ¾ of the property and deliver to the WPHA within 12 months of possession. CDR will maintain ¼ of the property along 9th Street and renovate a number of the residential properties for the existing tenants and/or other renters. WPDA has the first right to purchase the ¼ of the CDR property.

Councilmember Henry Hutchinson stated that he had concerns that the city had already purchased several parcels along the 10th Street corridor and no development had occurred. Concerned about purchase price being too high. Concerned about structure of the purchase. Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III stated that economic development many times takes years and sighted the city's previous industrial development strategies. Councilmember Gloria Marshall asked about appraised value.

- **House Bill 302**

Mayor Trammel led the discussion of this issue. GMA has requested the city pass a resolution opposing 2019 House Bill 302. The bill would prohibit local governments from regulating building design elements in single or double family dwellings which could negatively impact economic development efforts and harm competitiveness.

- **Board and Committee Appointments**

Council discussed various people that might serve to fill the positions. Keep Troup Beautiful has 1 board position to fill, West Point Tree Board has 3 board positions to fill, and Troup County Parks & Recreation Commission has 1 board position to fill.

Other Business

- **Mayor and Council Comments**

There were no comments.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.