



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall July 23, 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 Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter

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 Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

• **Resolution for Robert Fawley Retirement**

Mayor Steven M. Tramell read a resolution and presented it to Robert Fawley thanking him for his dedicated service to the citizens and the City of West Point. Robert Fawley is retiring after 30 years of service in the Police Department. Robert retirement date is August 1, 2019. Robert Fawley thanked the Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to serve the City and its citizens for 30 years. He stated he could not have done his job without the support he received from the Mayor and Council and all the other departments within the city.

• **Depot Rental Comparison**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there have been some conversation about whether the City of West Point rental rates for the West Point Depot is adequate or should the City lower the rates. Mr Moon presented a list comparing the amounts the City charges for the West Point Depot to the Del’avant in Lagrange, the Hartland on Marshall Williams Rd West Point, Three Oaks Farm in LaGrange, and the Major Long House in Newnan. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked Mr. Moon if he could get some more comparison that would be more similar to the City of West Point rental facilities. Mr. Moon stated he would do some more research.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Weekday Lunch</u>	<u>Weeknights</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Weekend</u>	<u>2day</u>
WP Depot	\$220 2 hrs	\$320 5 hrs	\$440 7hrs	\$1010 14 hr	\$1,400
Del'avant	Wk Day \$2,000	Friday \$5,000	Sat \$6,500	Sunday \$5,000	
Hartland	Wk Day Hr \$125.00	Wk End Hr \$150	Wk end daily \$1,500	Wk end \$1,700	
Three Oaks	Wk Day \$5,000	Friday \$6,000	Sat \$7,000	Sunday \$6,000	
Major House	Wk Day \$125 Hr	Wk End \$850	Wk end \$1,450 for 6hrs		

- **Mobis Memorandum of Understanding**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the West Point Development Authority has approved the Mobis Memorandum. The memorandum will abate 50% of the taxes for seven years for Mobis 40 million dollars expansion and create 80 jobs. The eighth year and thereafter the taxes will be 100%. The Board of Assessors is in agreement and acknowledge that this agreement is consistent with applicable requirements. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if it is known what type of jobs that will be created. Mr. Moon stated that is information that he can obtain.

- **Debt Collection Services Agreement**

Ms. Annette Miranda a representative of DPS Recovery stated DPS Recovery is engaged in the business of government debt collections and is willing to provide such service to the City of West Point. She stated this service will not cost the City anything. They collect their fees from the person owing the outstanding debt.

- **West Point Day Event**

City Manager Ed Moon stated City Staff received the application for West Point Day on April 22, 2019. The event is scheduled for September 1, 2019 on 9th Street, Avenue H, I, J, K, and L. City Staff has approved the application. The area will include 200 parcels of property with 150 structures. The committee estimate 3000 attendees. The City concern is service provision to residents, property owners and event attendees in the area. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked how the citizens living within the area will be notified of the event. Mr. Moon stated the will receive a letter in the mail.

Pole Attachment License Agreements

City Manager Ed Moon stated Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) negotiated with Cingular and Verizon using the CATV/Fiber Statewide Pole Attachment License Agreement. The increase capacity required for 5G will be achieved by an increased number of sites and the use of very high frequency spectrum (24GHz, 37 GHz). They added definitions specific to wireless communications and equipment. The term is for 10 years and automatically renews for 5-year terms. The annual rental fee equals \$16.50 per foot or partial foot. The Handy-Whitman Index escalator starts in 2021. The permitting includes \$50.00 application fee per pole, wireless carrier pays for permit review, field inspection, preparation of cost estimate. There is a 60-day review

period to approve, approve with conditions, or deny after receipt of completed application. The Pole Attachment License Agreement will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

Other Business

- **Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilmember Deedee Williams stated based on a conversation she had with the Mayor, the Council should consider changing the city's charter to address the section appointing the Mayor and Councilmembers when a seat becomes vacant before a completed term and any other items that may need to be clean up. Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated she believes most of the old items in the charter were clean up the last time when the charter was updated in 2005.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.