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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall October 14, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Tramell called Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and Evangelist Stephanie Davenport, Associate Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church for opening prayer.

Fire Chief Milton Smith led the Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order and welcomed everyone.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 regular meeting. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **approved unanimously without change.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III presented the August financial report with the September cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and **passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously.**

- **PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY AWARENESS DAY**

Mayor Steve Tramell read a proclamation and presented it to the Lambda Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc in Lanett Alabama for their work and support of the National Breast Cancer Awareness month. Members, Emily Thomas Williams, Glenda Brassfield, Mary Banks, Etta Billingslea, and Councilmember Sandra Thornton accepted the proclamation.

- **REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPLICATION**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve a Revolving Loan Fund application for Michael and Kesha Coniglio for the purchase and renovation of property located at 709 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue downtown West Point. The application meets the requirements of the RLF Policy and Procedure and will create jobs. The loan of \$170,000 will be financed at 2% interest for 15-years and the loan administration and servicing will be conducted by city staff. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed 5-0 vote Councilmember Deedee Williams abstained citing the information she received over the weekend raised more questions than it answered.**

- **INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT REGARDING UTILITY SERVICES**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve an amendment to a utility services contract between the City of West Point and the City of LaGrange. The amendment will remove the requirement that West Point water and sewer customers in certain areas are required to take natural gas from the City of LaGrange. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**

- **MOBIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Councilmember Deedee Williams made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Mobis Alabama LLC. The project represents an \$11,385,000 investment in the West Point Mobis Facility. The company will employ an additional 40 employees by December 2024 and retain 690 employees for a total employment of 730. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **passed on a 5-0 vote. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson abstained citing conflict of interest.** Councilmember Hutchinson is employed with Mobis Alabama LLC.

### **OTHER**

Mayor Tramell stated applications will be taken on Monday, October 21, 2019 from 10:00 am until 6:00 p.m. at the Virginia Cook Activity Center 806 MLK Drive, West Point, GA for those wishing to receive assistance from the Salvation Army this Christmas with children's gifts. Picture ID and proof of residency are required.

Councilmember Deedee Williams stated there will be a political form for the candidates seeking the three Council seats tomorrow October 15, 2019 beginning at 11:00 am at the Active Life Center on OG Skinner Drive. She invited everyone to attend.

Mayor Steve Tramell read a card from Zelma Brock thanking the Mayor and Council for participating in the Senior Prom.

Councilmember Gloria thanked the Mayor and Council for wearing pink in honor of Councilmember Sandra Thornton a breast cancer survivor.

**ADJOURN**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Richard McCoy  
City Clerk

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Steven M. Tramell  
Mayor