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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held at the West Point Depot on May 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Alanteo “Henry” Hutchinson  
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

**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 any Issue**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

- **Dennis Walls Retirement Resolution**

Mayor Steve Tramell read a Resolution and presented it to Dennis Walls thanking him for over thirty years of service with the West Point Fire Department.

- **Board of Adjustment Appointment**

City Manager Ed Moon stated Jothaniel Zeigler has applied for the vacant seat on the Board of Adjustments. The purpose of this Board is to hear and decide all appeals and matters referred to it under the laws and ordinances of the City.

- **Department Update by Fire Chief Milton Smith**

Fire Chief Milton Smith gave a department update. The West Point Fire Department had five employees that have been tested for COVID-19, with negative results. Department of Public Health has supplied WPFDD with Protective Clothing (PPE) to be used by emergency responders related to COVID-19. Harris County EMS has provided the city

with a battery sprayer and an antiviral solution to spray. We have used it at the Fire Department, Ambulances, and City Hall. WPFDD has since purchased an air sprayer and antiviral solution. Also, purchased ten rain suits to be used as PPE.

- **SPLOST V**

City Manager Ed Moon presented the Phase I SLOST V Proposed Projects. Possible projects previously discussed by Mayor and City Council and emphasized as priority. Transportation: Intersection Improvements at Tenth Street and Martin Luther King Drive, New Sidewalk on Tenth Street between Dogwood and OG Skinner. Transportation cost estimate \$500,000. Recreation: 1) Sixth Street Park Renovation, add parking area and playground. Cost estimate \$200,000. 2) Renovate small fields at City Park, replace turf, irrigation, fence, renovate concession stand and restrooms, renovate trail, signage. Cost estimate \$200,000. 3) Add sidewalk on Avenue C from Tenth Street to parking lot, walking path across John Hoggs Field, new signage, cross walks. Cost estimate \$100,000. Total SPLOST collected as of May 12, 2020 \$1,071,412.00.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Steve Tramell reminded everyone to complete their Census.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton pageant has been moved to Salvation Army will distributing food in the parking lot at West Point Training Center, once a month, starting in June. West Point residents only.

Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter stated the Little Free Pantries around the city are a big success. Please consider helping to restock as needed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the City Attorney Appointment. Councilmember Joseph R Downs III made said motion and second by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**

### **ADJOURN**

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned