



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Thursday, June 23 @ 5:30 PM  
Via teleconference

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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held by Teleconference June 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell presiding.

Members Participated:

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

Members Non-Participate:

**Agenda Reviewed**

Mayor Steve Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**

**New Business**

- **Weeds and High Grass Ordinance**

Mayor Tramell open the discussion. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter stated the Council should continue with the ordinance in place. Councilmember Sandra Thornton agreed with Councilmember Ledbetter. Councilmember Deedee Williams stated the statement she made during the last work-session about the lack of enforcement of the Grass Ordinance was not to imply the ordinance was not previously enforced. She stated her concern was the ordinance was not consistently enforced and the notification process was not adequate. She questioned if the 10 days before complying was enough time for a response considering the mail delivery time. She stated we should give people more time before taking their property. City Manager Ed Moon stated he has been in government over 30 years and he nor the City has taken anyone’s property. Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the goal was to clean up properties in the City and the Council Members should not engage in topics when it is personal and there is a conflict in interest. Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter agreed with Councilmember Sandra Thornton. Councilmember Deedee Williams agreed but added sometimes when a person is directly involved, they have a better understanding of the problems. She talked about one of her tenants being cited for not painting a house that she owned. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III stated there would be a danger if the ordinance was over simplified and it would be difficult to enforce. The ordinance discussion ended, the Mayor stated there could be further discussion at a later time.

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- **Council Member Retirement Benefits**

City Clerk Richard McCoy gave an overview of the City's retirement as it relates to Elected Officials. He stated in April, 2005 Elected Officials were eligible to participate in the City's plan. In April 2013, the Council voted to discontinue benefits for Elected Officials. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and Councilmember Sandra Thornton had met the requirements to receive benefits. The plan does not permit In Service Distributions. Since the plan currently excludes Elected Officials, City Clerk Richard McCoy has requested Georgia Municipal Association to clarify if the two Councilmembers may begin receiving the benefit that have been accrued.

- **Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Resolution**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia is requesting its members to enter into a new Supplemental Contract, Gas Supply Portfolio V, that will replace Portfolio IV which expires on December 31, 2020. The updated Portfolio will allow MGAG to acquire future gas supplies to satisfy members long-term needs. MGAG ability to purchased large volume of gas needed by its 80-member systems, can purchase gas at a lower cost. City Manager Ed Moon stated staff recommends the approval of the resolution to ament the Gas Supply Contract and Supplemental Contract Gas Portfolio V.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilmember Deedee Williams thanked the City for providing an outlet for distribution of Masks to citizens. Councilmember Sandra Thornton thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation for celebrating Juneteenth.

- **Special Call Meeting**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to enter into a Special Called Meeting to consider Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Contract. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and second by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**

### **Agenda Reviewed**

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

### **Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Contract**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve the contract to provide residential solid waste collection and disposal between the City of West Point and AMWASTE

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LLC. Councilmember. Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; during the discussion Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter asked what can be put in the recycling cans, and the days of pick-up, and back door pickup. All Garbage and Recycling will be picked up on alternating Fridays. Back door pickup will stay in place for disabled citizens. AMWASTE will send out flyers to citizens with pertinent information. The motion **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.