



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 @ 5:30 PM
Via teleconference

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held by Teleconference July 28, 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 Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Non-Participate:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter

Agenda Reviewed

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

New Business

- **Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia Resolution**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work-session. The issue of the Municipal Gas Authority Resolution has been discussed. 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 amend the Gas Supply Contract and Supplemental Contract Gas Portfolio V. The item will be on the August 10, 2020 agenda for consideration.

- **Meeting Agenda Items**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the agenda is set by the Mayor and Staff and approved by the Council before each meeting. The items chosen are driven by operational needs. The process to have items added or removed from the presented agenda is during the motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson stated there may be times when items may need to be discussed that’s not on the agenda. Councilmember Deedee Williams stated she asked for an item to be put on the agenda but it was not added. City Manager Ed Moon stated other Council members did not show interest in adding the item to the agenda and he recommend items that rises to that magnitude or develop after the agenda is set, be the Council decision and they can vote to discuss or take action on any

item, simply by making a motion during the approval of the minutes and the Council approving the motion.

- **City 2020 Millage Rate**

City Clerk Richard McCoy stated the City of West Point 2020 net Property Tax Digest values increased over the 2019 total of \$189,611,806 to \$241,388,772 providing a net increase of \$51,756,966. The staff recommends rolling the millage rate back from the 2019 rate of 9.181 to the state recommended roll back rate of 8.971. The recommendation will be advertised and the item will be on the next business agenda for consideration. The five-year history is being ran in our local newspapers. The resolution to set the 2020 millage rate to 8.971 will be on August 10th business agenda for consideration.

Councilmember Deedee Williams asked do the City have to go with the state PT-31-1 computation. City Clerk Richard McCoy stated no, the Mayor and Council set the millage rate whether they increase taxes or decrease taxes, but if the millage rate is not roll back to the State roll back number, it would constitute an increase in taxes.

- **Board and Committee Appointments**

City Manager Ed Moon stated he has received applications from Dianne Davidson and Donald Cleveland to be considered for appointments to the Board of Adjustments. Elizabeth Lester for the Hawkes Library, Joel Finlay for the Municipal Planning Board, and Tyrone Roberts for the Keep Troup Beautiful board. Other Board appointments that need to be filled for 2020 are West Point Historic Preservation Commission, West Point Tree Board, Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the West Point Development Authority. Councilmember Deedee Williams had some questions on the expiration dates of some of the board's terms. The terms expire based on the board's guidelines.

- **Vehicle Donation Agreement**

City Manager Ed Moon stated Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia (KMMG) agrees to donate (5) vehicles to the City of West Point to be used in the Police Department for administration vehicles. The vehicles are donated for a term of 2-years or 100,000 miles which ever comes first. KMMG may extend the donation period. The vehicles are donated for the purpose of quality evaluation for certain items by KMMG. The City Staff and Legal personnel have reviewed the agreement and recommend approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sandra Thornton thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and other City employees for helping the Salvation Army distribute milk to citizens. They will be distributing milk again at the West Point Elementary School on Friday July 31, 2020 from 11:00 am until noon.

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