



City of West Point

Council Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall June 10, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Steve Tramell called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and stated he has received a request to consider allowing the property at 1201 2nd Avenue to be used as residential on the ground floor. This request was made after the previous work session and would need council action to add to the agenda. He asked for a motion to add this item to the agenda for tonight’s work session. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion. Seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; during the discussion, Councilmember Deedee Williams expressed her concern about rushing to put items on the agenda and accelerating the process. Mayor Tramell stated the item is being presented because he considers it to be in the best interest of a citizen. **The motion: passed on a 3-1 vote Councilmember Deedee Williams voted No.** Councilmember Thornton join the meeting after the vote. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

New Business

- City Council Salary

Mayor Steve Tramell stated during the last work session, the consensus of the Council was to set the mayor compensation \$595 per month and the Council \$420. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson stated Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III had asked about reinstating the Mayor and Council eligibility for the City’s retirement plan.

The Council requested more information about the feasibility of reinstating the retirement benefit to the Mayor and Council.

Mural Ordinance

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work-session. A marked-up draft on the proposed Mural Ordinance is in the Council packet. The ordinance would allow three types of murals. Historic murals, original art murals and limited message murals. All other similar forms of outdoor visual that do not meet the definitions of these three forms of murals set forth herein shall be regulated as wall signs and will fall under the sign ordinance. He stated the painting that is currently up on several walls downtown fall under the City of West Point sign ordinance. He also stated the verbiage was changed from one wall to building and an appeal process was added in case an application is denied the appeal process will allow the applicant to appeal to the Mayor and Council. There was some discussion on the length of time a Mural can be up before it could be changed. City Manager Ed Moon stated that could be added to the appeal process and any changes within five years will go before the Planning Board for approval. The item will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

Recreation Playground

City Manager Ed Moon stated there are two playground designs options for the 6th Avenue Park in the Council Packet. Design 350-2175 the cost is \$32,595 and 350-2174 \$32,595. The consensus of the Council is to use Design 350-2174 with Design 2175 color, if available. The item will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

Board and Committee Appointments

City Manager Ed Moon reviewed the 2021 Board Appointments schedule. He stated a appointment to the Troup County Parks & Recreation Commission has been open since January (one year term) Board of Adjustments has been vacant since March and a vacant position on the Keep Troup Beautiful Board will be open in June. He stated application for these positions may be sent to his attention.

Variance for Property Use 1201 2nd Avenue

City Planner Dennis Dutton stated the property owner has requested the Mayor and Council to allow the property located 1201 2nd Avenue to be used as residential. The property is currently in the Central Business District. This will also allow the lower level of the property to be used as residential. The item will be on the next business agenda for consideration

Next Business Meeting Agenda Items

Mayor Steve Tramell stated the items on the business meeting agenda are City Council Salary, Mural Ordinance, Recreation Playground and 1201 2nd Avenue Residential Use.

Other

Councilmember Deedee Williams stated she has contacted the contractor who are moving the dirt from a sub-station work site to City's property in Harris County. The trucks are currently using a route that goes through MLK Street. Councilmember Williams stated the contractor has agreed to take another route using a Harris County Road. City Manager Ed Moon stated the road suggested for use is a road Harris County has posted **No Trucks**. There have been complaints from a citizen on this route. The dirt will be a benefit for future use to the city.

Adjourn

Councilmember Henry Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.