



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Thursday, August 12, 2021 @ 5:30  
City Hall Council Chambers

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The Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held teleconference August 12, 2021, at 3:00 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 Joseph R. Downs III

Members Absent:

Councilmember Deedee Williams

**Agenda Reviewed**

Mayor Steve Tramell called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion. Councilmember Joseph R Downs III; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

**New Business**

- State of Georgia Fiscal Recovery Fund

City Manager Ed Moon provide information about the Georgia Fiscal Recovery fund and a recommended project for the use of these funds. Followed by Sammy Inman with specifics on the need for the proposed project and Kenny Green of Turnipseed Engineers with specifics about the process of planning, components, construction, and timeline of the project.

After reviewing the eligible uses in the plan and the needs of city services eligible for these funds I am recommended these funds be used to invest in the city’s water system. Specifically, a project that will replace the raw water intake located at the water treatment plant on 3rd Avenue. The State is providing \$250,000 million dollars in the first round of funding for water projects. Turnipseed Engineers has estimated that the cost of the raw water project will not exceed \$5 million dollars. My recommendation is to request \$3 million from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The city could then use its local portion of ARPA funding and water funds to match the state funding request. This project will benefit all water utility customers by providing a critical infrastructure upgrade without any debt or rate increase to the customer to cover the debt service. This project will address climate change by lowering the intake in the river in preparation for more

drought conditions in the future. The project will provide direct assistance to low to moderate income water customers by keeping their utility bills lower. Stable water cost also supports our industries that have been impacted by COVID. The project will provide a better quality of water to all users and these improvements also increase the city's ability to meet future water demands.

Utility Director Sammy Inman stated the replacement of this critical infrastructure is needed. The cost of supplies and wear and tear on the older intake. If we can move the location it would be a great benefit for the city.

Kenny Green, with G Ben Turniseed Engineers, stated the replacement of this critical infrastructure that was constructed in the 1960's will provide the city with a more reliable and cleaner source of raw water from the Chattahoochee River by replacing outdated equipment, deepening the intake in the river, and moving the intake above Oseligee creek that is a source of poor-quality water. This project will also provide the ability of the city to meet future water demand from growth within the city.

City Manager Ed Moon stated this agenda item will be on the Tuesday, August 24 meeting for approval. Gives city staff time to complete application and submit by August 31, 2021.

### **Adjourn**

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.