



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Thursday, October 7, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Via teleconference

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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held via teleconference October 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

**Agenda Reviewed**

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

**Public Comments on agenda item**

There were no public comments.

**Presenters**

There were no presenters.

**New Business**

• **Water Tank Logo**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the decision to stop re-lettering the City of West Point water tanks was made to reduce the maintenance cost. The Kia Water tank was lettered because the cost was paid by KIA. The estimated cost of lettering the tanks is \$5,000. The item will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

• **Forward Fund Application from West Point Housing Authority Villages Phase I**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. The \$250,000 Grant Application for road improvements for the WPHA Villages Phase I was accepted and approved in 2014. The estimated total cost of the improvements \$771,000. The remainder will be paid by the Housing Authority and the West Point Development Authority. The 2014 Penrose Application was sent to the Mayor and Council for transparency because the scope of the project changed. The project will need the approval of GDOT, HUD, and the Core of Engineers. Councilmember Deedee Williams stated the reported balance in the forward fund was around \$80,000 and there was no mention of the \$250,000 for this project. The \$80,000 balance reported was

the available balance in the forward fund. The \$250,000 was allocated in 2014 for this project. The item will be on the next business agenda for further discussion.

- **Kia Water Tank Christmas Decorations**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. KIA Motors has requested permission to decorate the City's Water Tank during the Christmas holidays. Utility Director Sammy Inman stated the decorations will not interfere with the service of the tank. Kia pays for the electric use on the tank. The item will be on the next business agenda for further consideration.

- **EZ Blockchain Agreement**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. The city has received a request from a Mining Company that deals with Crypto currency (Bit Coin). The City of West Point will provide electricity for the company for two sites. The sites are consisted with the city's zoning. The digital currency uses computers to validate the transactions 24 hours per day. ECG will handle the billing. The project will begin as soon as the City of West Point can provide service. The electric load will increase the amount of electricity sold, that will also increase the returns for electric sales. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked why the company decided to come to West Point. City Manager Ed Moon stated the City has available required load. The item will be on the next business agenda for further consideration.

### **Agenda for October 11, 2021 Business Meeting**

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda for the October 11, 2021, business meeting which includes Water Tank Logo, Forward Fund Application from West Point Village Phase I, Kia Water Tank Christmas Decorations, EZ Blockchain Agreement

### **Other**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Salvation Army Toy Drive application will be online. The families will be limited to 200. The citizens need to get their application completed as soon as possible. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson stated in the past citizens adopted a family. He asked if the citizens could just make donations. Councilmember Thornton responded they may do so. She also announced the Pine Mountain Airport opens this weekend festivities will be from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Ms. Senior Georgia Pageant Councilmember Sandra Thornton will be there also.

### **Adjourn**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.