



## City of West Point

Council Work Session Minutes

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall December 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Alanteo “Henry” Hutchinson  
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
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 Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

**Public Comments on agenda item**

There were no Public Comments.

**New Business**

**Proposed Name Change for West Point Active Life Center (Troup County Manager Eric Mosley)**

Mayor Steve Tramell stated at the last work session, Troup County Manager Eric Mosley stated the County wants to name a room or change the name of the West Point Active Life Center in memory of Mrs. Velma Brock. Councilmember Deedee Williams stated she was in favor of renaming the Center. All the Council members agreed with Councilmember Williams to change name of the Center. Mrs. Brock years in education, touched the lives of countless West Point citizens. She was admired and loved by many. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson, Gerald W. Ledbetter, and Deedee William stated renaming the elementary school would be their preference. The Mayor and Council asked City Manager Ed Moon to reach out to the School Board to find out the process to get the school renamed in her memory.

### **Board and Committee Appointments**

Mayor Tramell stated there are no changes from the previous work session. The city has received two applications for the West Point Development Authority Board. Wiky Gladdens position is up for appointment and she has applied to be reappointed to the board. Audrey Bailey Gilliam has also applied for the position. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson stated he knows both candidates and both would be good candidates. He stated he would like to see the Council rotate people out to allow other opportunities on the boards and he asked the Council to be open minded. Councilmember Deedee Williams agreed with Councilmember Hutchinson. There were no further discussions on the item.

### **Glovis Memorandum of Understanding**

The GLOVIS Memorandum of Understanding that was previously approved by the City and the other entities has been amended and is being presented for approval. Rob McKenna presented the changes to the Mayor and Council at the last meeting. The only change is the amount of the project. The amount changed from 21 million for real property to 34 million. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked City Manager the contract term for the facility. City Manager Ed Moon stated he was not sure of the term as it relates to the facility operations. The item will be on the next business meeting for consideration.

### **2022 Proposed Budget Presentation**

Mayor Tramell stated there were no changes from the previous work session. Each year the City Manager along with the Department Directors and staff prepare the annual budget. This year the 2022 Budget will be presented for adoption on December 8, 2021. The total Proposed 2022 Budget is \$17,763,123 which includes General Fund \$5,859,980, Electric \$6,329,900, Water & Sewer \$3,547,936, Gas \$1,186,457, E-911 \$334,700, and \$504,150 Sanitation. The budget includes a 4% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The purchase of two (2) Police Vehicles, Increased IT Security, and Wage and Salary Study. SPLOST V \$1,000,000 in paving, and 2014 Harris County SPLOST \$350,000 Water & Sewer. It also includes 3% increase in water and sewer. The proposed 2022 Budget has been presented to the Mayor and Council and two public hearings have been held. The item will be on the next business meeting for consideration.

### **GDOT Radar List**

Mayor Tramell stated there were no changes from the previous work session. The Georgia Department of Transportation has sent a list of local roads and speed limits for speed limit enforcement by radar. The West point Police Department has reviewed the list presented by GDOT and has recommended no changes. The item will be on the next business meeting for consideration.

### **Rezoning for 100 Sandtown Road**

A public hearing will be held following the December 9, 2021, work sessions for rezoning of the property located at 100 Sandtown Road. The item will be on the next business meeting for consideration.

### **Next Business Meeting Agenda Items**

Mayor Steve Tramell stated the items on the next business meeting agenda are, Board and Committee Appointments, West Point Development Authority Wiky Gladden (Current Member 12/2021 and Audrey Bailey Gilliam, GLOVIS MOU, 2022 Proposed Budget, GDOT Radar List, Rezoning 100 Sandtown Road. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion for the listed items to be on the next agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

### **Other**

Councilmember Deedee Williams announced Jason Winston the son of Councilmember Sandra Thornton won the district 1 Council seat in Atlanta. Councilmember Thornton thanked everyone who supported Jason Winston's campaign. She also thanked Power Train for supporting giving Christmas gifts to children in our community. PowerTrain has adopted 29 children this year. Mayor Tramell announced Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00pm Santa at the Depot sponsored by the Downtown West Point Development Authority. They will be serving cookies and hot chocolate. He invited everyone to attend for up-to-date information on this event, visit the City of West Point Facebook Page. City Manager Ed moon suggested having one work session on January 6, 2022, leading up to the Business meeting on January 10, 2022 because of the Holidays limiting the available days to have meeting before January 6, 2022 scheduled meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

### **Public Hearing Rezoning 100 Sandtown Road Thursday, December 9, 2021 5:30 p.m.**

Mayor Tramell open the Public Hearing to receive comments concerning Rezoning property at 100 Sandtown Road. **There were no public comments and Mayor Tramell closed the Public Hearings.**