



City of West Point
Council Regular Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 5:30
West Point City Hall

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall December 13, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

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:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2021, Meeting. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; The motion **passed unanimously**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Tramell stated the financial report for approval is in the Council packet. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the November 2021 Financial report. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

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 Gloria R. Marshall; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

New Business

- **BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Councilmember Henry Hutchinson made a motion to appoint Audrey Bailey Gilliam to the West Point Development Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Deedee Williams. **The motion failed on a 2-4 vote.** Councilmember Henry Hutchinson and Councilmember Deedee Williams **voted Yes** Councilmembers Gloria R. Marshall; Joseph R. Downs III, Gerald W. Ledbetter and Councilmember Sandra Thornton **voted No.**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Wiki Gladden to the West Point Development Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III. During the discussion, Councilmember Deedee Williams stated the Council should give other people an opportunity to serve, the Council should have candidates come and present to them why they should be appointed. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson stated the Council should get out of the habit of re-appointing members to boards simply because they have served a term. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall stated the Council has two great candidates for the position, but she didn't see any reason to remove Mrs. Gladden. Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated in the past she voted not to remove a candidate because she felt the person was doing a good job so she will remain consistent with these two candidates. **The motion passed on a 4-2 vote.** Councilmembers Gloria R. Marshall: Joseph R. Downs III, Gerald W. Ledbetter and Councilmember Sandra Thornton **voted Yes**

- **GLOVIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve the GLOVIS Memorandum of Understanding from \$21 million to \$34 million in real property investment. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson made said motion. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

- **2022 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the 2022 City of West Point budget. This year's total 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. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

GDOT RADAR LIST

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve the use of radar on certain streets. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**

PROPERTY REZONING 100 SANDTOWN ROAD

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request from General Commercial to R-1A Residential for parcel # 0770000028C on Sandtown Road Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**

Other

Councilmember Henry Hutchinson stated this meeting will be his last meeting serving on the City of West Point Council. He thanked all the members and staff for their support the last four years. He stated that he will continue engaging and serving this community. He encouraged the Council to not shy away from debate. He also stated it has been an honor serving the citizens of West Point.

Mayor Tramell stated Santa at the Depot will be Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Mr. Gerald and Linda Dawson will be in attendance.

Adjourn

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III 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.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor