



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
West Point Council Chambers

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall March 29, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter

Review Agenda

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

Public Comment on Any Issue

Mrs. Barbara Hale who lives at 1300 Webb Road stated after nine months the Glovis Warehouse construction project is nearing an end. The project will never end for the residential neighbor that it has destroyed. They have removed the portable toilets. They have also planted some plants, but the plants will not grow without water. She also stated she hope this does not happen to any other residential area. Mayor Tramell, Councilmember Deedee Williams, and the other Councilmembers thanked Mrs. Hale for her comments.

Presenter

There were no Presenters.

New Business

• **City Manager Update**

City Manager Ed Moon presented a power point showing the curbing and sidewalks on Third Avenue are almost complete. The Playground and sidewalk around the W 6th Avenue Park are completed. The sidewalk and Pedestrian Crossing around the City Park are also completed. The city Park walking trail has been resurfaced, the 2022 resurfacing projects which included Arrowhead Drive, Highland Drive, and Ridgewood Drive have also been completed. He also stated that the 2022 SPLOST Paving will go out for Bid soon. The sidewalk in front of City Hall will begin April 4th. That project will require the Front Lobby to be closed. City Hall will operate in the same manner as it did during the pandemic. He hasn't heard anything from the School Board about renaming West Point Elementary School in memory of Zelma Brock. He will update the Council when he gets any information. The Harris Creek Residential Development is nearing the second phase. All the houses are being purchased as soon as they are built. Mr. Moon was asked if signage for children playing could be placed in the area. He stated that signs could be posted. He was also asked if the houses were being purchased by

investors or individuals. He stated to his knowledge the houses are being bought by individuals. Mr. Moon stated the City of West Point was not in the first round of the ARPA funding. Mr. Moon stated he was still working on the additional signage for the recreation area. Mr. Moon stated he hope to begin interviews for the Economic Development Director by April 3rd.

Council Meeting Rules of Decorum and Debate

Mayor Tramell stated the proposed City of West Point Decorum and Debate Rules for Council Meetings are in the Council packet. The rules included Decorum and rules for Council Members, City Staff, Citizens Participation, and rules of Enforcement. The rules are intended to reflect proper decorum to treat all participants with respect and courtesy at all work sessions and business meetings. During the discussion, there were concerns raised by transparency, freedom of speech, silencing people, attempting to control the narrative, concerns on how to keep up with the time limit, who idea was it to have the rules, and who wrote the rules and why the city meetings are not govern by Roberts Rules of Order. After the lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to put the Meeting Rules of Decorum on the next business meeting agenda for consideration.

Agenda for April 11, 2022, Meeting

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda for the February 2022, business meeting which includes a Proclamation for Valley Haven, Black History Month Plaques, and Council Meeting Rules of Decorum and Debate.

Other announcements

Councilmember Sandra Thornton thanked the Police Department, Jamarquenus Scott, and all participants for their contribution towards making the Black History Program a success.

Mayor Tramell stated the Mayor and Council will take a Council group picture at the next meeting.

Adjourn

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.