



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Tuesday, May 31, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.  
West Point 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 May 31, 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 Joel B. Finlay made said motion. Councilmember Deedee Williams; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

**Public Comment on Any Issue**

There were no Presenters.

**New Business**

• **Proclamation for Active Life**

Mayor Tramell read a proclamation proclaiming May 2022 as Older Americans Month in the City of West Point. The proclamation was presented to members of the West Point Active Life Center Director Don Wooten, Steve Davis, and Jacob Marquart.

• **City Manager Update**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were three (3) bids for the 2022 City of West Point paving projects. Atlanta Paving Concrete Construction had the lowest bid of \$1,308,149.35. That bid was over the budget amount. Ed Moon stated he asked Atlanta Paving Concrete Construction Company to modify their bid by removing portion of MLK and Neal Street. The modified bid was \$1,029,530.73. The modified bid amount will be within budget. The paving will be paid out of SPLOST proceeds. The item will be on the next agenda for further consideration. Ed Moon stated the City of West Point currently has three potential industrial projects. Two of the projects are automotive. He also stated there is a potential hotel project. The developers at Harris Creek are continuing with their phase 3 portion of the expansion. Loves Travel Stops and Country Store will begin developing the 19 acres site that will consist of 17,000 sq foot store. The Loves company is scheduling construction with the estimated completion time the State of Georgia timeline with the completion of the turn a bouts.

**Board and Committee Appointments**

Mayor Tramell stated the city has received an application from Donald Cleveland requesting to be reappointed to the Board of Adjustment. The City has also received two applications for (1) one open seat for the Municipal Planning Board. The applicates are Steven Adamson and Monica Barber. The item will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

### **City Surplus**

Mayor Tramell stated the city has a 1997 Ford-250 Regular Cab Pickup Truck to declare as city surplus. The vehicle will be placed on Govdeals.com for public sale.

### **Harris County Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Harris County Local Option Sales Tax is up for renewal. LOST is a (1) one percent sales tax that is collected by the State and disbursed to the Counties and Cities within the county. The disbursements in the past have been based on the population. Harris County will have a public hearing on June 14, 2022. There were some discussions on the method of distribution of the sales tax.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matter. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously.**

### **Following the Executive Session**

Councilmember Joel Finlay made a motion to deny the Ante Litem Claim made by Joy Phillips. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; passed unanimously.

### **Agenda for June 13, 2022, Meeting**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to set the agenda for the June 13, 2022, Business Meeting which includes 2022 SPLOST Paving Project bid award, Board and Committee Appointments, and City Surplus.

Councilmember Joel Finlay made said motion; seconded by Joseph R. Downs; **passed unanimously.**

### **Adjourn**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.