



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 11, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
West Point Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall July 11, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter gave the opening prayer.
Mayor Tramell led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2022, Executive Session and the June 13, 2022, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton: **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 June 2022 Financial report. Councilmember Deedee Williams made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Deedee Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session. Councilmember Deedee Williams motion failed on a lack of a seconded, Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion to approve the

reviewed agenda; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to continue to document meetings in the current summary format. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

VALLEY PARTNERSHIP JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBER

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to appoint the chairman of the West Point Development Authority and the Economic Development Director to the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority Board. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams stated the Council was approving positions to serve on the Joint Development Authority Board and the position of Economic is currently opened. She asked who will fill the position until the position is filled. Mayor Tramell stated the City Manager will fill the position until the Economic Development Director position is filled. **The motion passed unanimously.**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND WEST POINT HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE WEST POINT VILLAGES PROJECT

Mayor Steve M. Tramell asked for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City and West Point Housing authority for the West Point Villages Project for the previously approved city share of the funding of \$250,000. The anticipated closing date is July 15, 2022. The project includes 72 units. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 11.64 ACRES PROPERTY

Mayor Steve M. Tramell stated the Council gave City Manager Ed Moon permission to negotiate the purchase of the 11.64 acres on behalf of the city. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the purchase of property fronting 6th Street; Ivy Lane and Crestview 11.64 acres for \$75,000. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams stated she was not present during the executive session, and she has not been able to get any information such as how much the property was appraised for. She stated the Council should be good stewards of city funds. She stated she was not against increasing recreation, and she supports parks, tennis courts but the Council should not

overlook the opportunity for kids to swim. The swimming pool needs a lot of repairs, and the city should partner with the school system and Troup County to have the pool repaired. The council did not decide on the use of the property. The motion **passed on a 5-1 vote. Councilmember Deedee Williams voted no.**

OTHER

ADJOURN

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy

Steven M. Tramell