



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, August 30, 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 August 30, 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 Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Review Agenda

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

Public Comment on Any Issue

There were no Public Comments.

New Business

• **City Manager Update**

City Manager Ed Moon gave an update on the MLK & 10th Street project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$478,000. This week they are setting the cabinet arms, and pedestrian crossing. Paving begins on September 12th. The new signal will be activated the week on the 15th, permanent striping around the 26th. The planting will take place after the weather cools down.

West Point Villagers entrance work to the site started this week. Estimated one year of construction.

Loves Country Store and Truck Stop grading plans has been approved. They are ready to start the project. The plans include a drive through fast food restaurant, possible Hardee's.

SPLOST V Paving schedule begin on August 29th on East 7th Street with edge mill, patch, and open graded interlay. This will help prevent cracks from coming through the old asphalt. August 30th East 7th Street finish (OGI) Open Graded Interlay & begin topping and begin Edge Mill on Avenue E. August 31st finish topping

East 7th Street and begin Edge mill on Avenue C. September 1st patch and place OGI Avenue E and begin Edge Mill on Avenue D. September 2nd place topping on Avenue E, September 6th place OGI and start topping on Avenue C. September 7th finish topping Avenue C and place OGI and topping on Avenue D. September 8th edge mill and patch 4th Avenue. September 9th place OGI on 4th Avenue and Edge mill West 7th Street. September 12th start topping West 7th Street. September 13th finish topping West 7th Street and place OGI & topping on 4th Avenue providing weather permit. Troup SPLOST V Roads and Sidewalks \$2 million for resurfacing, MLK & 10th Street, Loader Truck, Sidewalks, Engineering.

Troup County SPLOST 6 2025-2030 estimated \$80,000,000. Troup County 45%, City of LaGrange 45%, Hogansville 5%, and West Point 5%. West Point 5% is \$3.8 million. Staff recommended projects Fire & EMS \$500,000, Police \$500,000, Public Works \$500,000, Utilities \$500,000 Communication 911 \$300,000 which includes new vehicles, equipment, communication Equipment, Roads, sidewalks/curbs, and System Improvements. SPLOST 6 includes \$3 Million Recreation 1.5 million City and 1.5 million County. The County Wide projects 8.5 million which includes Kia Parkway, Kia Boulevard, Sorrento Road, and Long Cane Creek Bridge. SPLOST 6 requires meeting with County, Cities elected Officials, and Managers. The Mayor and Council will need to approve a firm project list at the September 27th work session for presentation at the joint meeting on October 5, 2022, at the Great Wolf Lodge in LaGrange.

City Manager Ed Moon stated he will have an AMWASTE update at the next work session meeting.

Councilmember Deedee Williams voiced concerns about communication. She stated Facebook should not be their source of communication. She asked about funding other projects such as swimming pool, maintenance of roads and drainage problems. She stated their other funds other than SPLOST. She also asked if there were any plans for the Labor Day weekend as it relates to “West Point Day” Captain Carter stated the city will enforce any violations of the ordinances and laws as they occur.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the need for funds for basic maintenance and other needed projects are a good example of why the city could not afford to lower property taxes any further.

Board and Committee Appointment

Mayor Tramell stated the city has received an application from Ms. Carol Bergh to serve a 4-year term on the Hawkes Library Board. He also stated Alton Pitts has resigned from the Troup County Parks & Recreation Commission. The need someone to complete his 2-year term. The application from Ms. Carol Bergh will be on the next meeting for consideration.

Harris County Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)

City Manager Ed Moon stated there have been several meetings with Harris County and the other cities in Harris County. Harris County has agreed to give West Point an increase from 5.9% of the LOST to 6.6% an estimated \$20,000 increase. The agreement will be on the next meeting for consideration.

Other

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announced free Covid Shots for senior citizens age 60 and older will be given on September 9, 2022 from 11:00 until 1:00 at the Lanett Senior Center.

Executive Session

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

Agenda for September 12, 2022, Meeting

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to set the agenda for the September 12, 2022, Business Meeting which includes Meeting Minutes, Valley partnership Joint Development Authority Member, Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and West Point Housing Authority for the West Point Villages Project. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

Adjourn

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.