



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall September 12, 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 Joseph R. Downs III 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 August 8, 2022, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **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 August 2022 Financial report. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Tramell stated the city has received an application from Carol F. Bergh to serve on the Hawks Library Board. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to appoint Carol F. Bergh to the Hawks Library Board. Councilmember Deedee Williams made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

HARRIS COUNTY LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX (LOST)

Mayor Tramell stated West Point receives 5.9% of Harris County LOST. Harris County provides only county wide services in West Point with access to recreation and library services that are not utilized by most residents due to travel distance. Nearly 200 new homes built or under construction since the last census. The City has acquired approximately 40 acres of property for future recreational use in Harris County at a cost of \$250,000 dollars from SPLOST proceeds. City Manager Ed Moon received an email on August 17, 2022, stating there is a tentative agreement to increase the City of West Point share of LOST from 5.9% to 6.6% This will provide an additional \$20,000 in annual sales tax for the City of West Point. That will be an estimated \$170,000 annually. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the tentative Harris County LOST agreement. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if the city had done what the law required. Mayor Tramell stated the vote was for the tentative agreement between the cities and Harris County for the (LOST) Local Option Sales Tax. The motion **passed unanimously.**

OTHER

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy

Steven M. Tramell