



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Tuesday, September 27, 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 September 27, 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:

**Public Hearing Annexation and Rezoning request from Harrell Family Partnership, LLC**

Mayor Tramell opened the Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the Annexation and Rezoning request from the Harrell Family Partnership, LLC. Ms. Patrice Frady with the Brent Holding LLC. stated her company was excited about the development. It will take 12 months to complete. The development will include residential and commercial developments. **There were no other public comments and Mayor Tramell closed the Public Hearing.**

**Public Hearing Annexation and Rezoning request from J & H Homeplace, LLC**

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**Public Hearing Annexation and Rezoning request from Hartley Bridge Development Co, LLC**

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**Review Agenda**

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

**Public Comment on Any Issue**

There were no Public Comments.

## **New Business**

- **Hawkes Library Proclamation**

Mayor Tramell read a proclamation that stated the Hawkes Library with the support of Albert King Hawkes, was founded in 1922 and is celebrating 100 years of service. The library continues to provide reading materials for the community and hosts many special events throughout the year including reading programs for children. The proclamation was presented to members of the Friends of the Hawkes Library which included Debra Robertson, Rebecca Cotney, Larry Duncan, Elizabeth Lester, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sapp. They thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and for their continued support of the library.

- **Bi-Annual Gas Liaison Manuals**

Utility Director, Sammy Inman presented the Mayor and Council with an information packet with the acknowledgement of Liaison that the Public Service Commission requires the Mayor and Council to sign every two years. Mr. Inman stated the only changes was the insertion of the names of the new councilmember Joel B. Finlay, Interim Police Chief Kevin Carter, and Fire Chief Derick Staley.

- **SPLOST 6 Projects**

City Manager Ed Moon read an email from Troup County Manager, Eric Mosley stating the County will not designate any additional funding for the recreation department. The County will consider supporting a project if one was presented to them. Mr. Moon pointed out that the recreation in West Point is the responsibility of the County and the County has designated additional funds from SPLOST to support recreation in the past. The City of West Point spends \$260,000 annually for maintenance operation for recreation and have spent 4.5 million from 2013-2015 which is 64% of the cities total SPLOST. It was expressed that this decision was retaliation toward the city for other disagreements with the county such as the LOST negotiations. It was also expressed that the council should not jump to conclusions and the Mayor and Council should offer projects with good estimates for the county to approve. City Manager Ed Moon stated again that recreation is the responsibility of the County, and they should provide recreation in West Point at a level our citizens deserve.

- **Point University Street Art 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and West 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Point University has asked to paint their LOGO in the street on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The staff recommends allowing Point University to paint the LOGO.

- **City Manager Update**

City Manager Ed Moon gave an update on Garbage Collection in the City of West Point. He stated the city currently has a contract with Amwaste, we have missed garbage and recycle pickup weekly. They are not always responsive to missed collection request, cans are taken and not replaced, and cans are requested and promised but not delivered. He stated that we have three options. 1. Renew Amwaste Contract 2. Cancel Amwaste Contract and Accept Bids. Current contract 3-year contract from June 23, 2020, through July 1, 2023. 3. City provide garbage collection service. If the city provides garbage service, we will have to purchase the equipment. Trucks cost approximately \$350,000 each, will need 2000 carts at \$100.00 each. \$200,000. The Capital cost can be financed. Will need at least three (3) full time staff cost \$175,000 annually. Rates should cover operation cost and that would need a rate increase. Need to provide a recycle center, end roadside collection, and have a central collection location that would require staffing.

### **Annexation and Rezoning request from Harrell Family Partnership, LLC**

City Planner Dennis Dutton stated the Planning Board met and approved the project for annexation and rezoning. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if all the proper notifications such as advertisement been completed. Mr. Dutton stated that the city has met the advertisement and all other legal requirements for the rezoning and annexation. Mr. Dutton stated staff recommends approval of the annexation and rezoning of the property.

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### **Other**

Mayor Tramell stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and he asked the council and citizens to help support the survivors and remember the people were lost to breast cancer.

Councilmember Deedee Williams asked about hiring a Police Chief. City Manager Ed Moon stated he has no timeline. He appointed Kelvin Carter as interim, and he is doing a great job.

### **Agenda for October 10, 2022, Meeting**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to set the agenda for the October 10, 2022, Business Meeting which includes Meeting Minutes, Point University LOGO on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and W 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Annexation and Rezoning of the Harrell Family Partnership, LLC properties, J & H Homeplace, LLC properties, and the Hartley Bridge Development Co, LLC properties. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **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.