



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, January 31, 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 January 31, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Pro-tempore Gerald W. Ledbetter opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Deedee Williams
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Mayor Steve Tramell
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

Mayor Pro-tempore Gerald W. Ledbetter stated Mayor Tramell was attending a conference, Councilmember Joel B. Finlay was absent because he and his family are attending the graduation of his son from boot camp at Paris Island. Councilmember Gloria Marshall is absent because of death in her family.

Review Agenda

Mayor Pro-tempore Gerald W. Ledbetter called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion. Councilmember Deedee Williams; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

Public Comment on Any Items

Ryck Morales stated he was representing the (SBA) Small Business Administration for Disaster Relief. He informed the Mayor and Council of the resources the SBA was available for any damage/lose citizens may have incurred from the recent storm. He stated citizens may call the Service Center 1-800-659-2955.

Ms. Katherine Stafford stated she has an ongoing sewage problem at her residence on MLK. She asked if someone would get to the bottom of the problem.

Family members of Mr. Allen Holloway voiced their displeasure with the City Police Department, Mayor, and City Council members for their lack of support and the lack of communication with the family about the on-going investigation of the murder of Mr. Holloway. Mr. Holloway was killed on November 18, 2022. Members who voiced their displeasure was Opal Holloway, Portia Talley, Patricia Avery, Nicole Avery, Charles Avery, and Katherine Avery. They stated Allen Holloway deserves justice.

New Business

City Manager Update - Ordinance Changes

City Manager Ed Moon stated House Bill 1405 passed the house and senate in 2022 which revises some portions of Georgia's Zoning Procedures Law. City staff is currently working on the required amendments and will be prepared to present to the Mayor and Council in the February 28, 2023 work session.

City Manager Update - 2022 Roadway Resurfacing Program

Mr. Moon stated the final punch list items have been completed by the contractor and all work invoices have been paid. The total project contract was \$1,028,374.71 the final cost was \$951,086.08 a total of \$77,288.63 under the original contract cost. The excess funds remain in the SPLOST. Councilmember Williams asked about the overseeing of the contractors. Councilmember Williams stated there is grass growing through the newly resurface streets. City Manager Ed Moon stated the contracts address issues such as the ones she described. Councilmember Williams also asked about a planning retreat. Mr. Moon stated if the Mayor and Council instruct him to plan a retreat, he would do so.

City Manager Update - All Way Stop

Mr. Moon stated the in February 2023 the city will be installing an All Way Stop (3 way stop) on East 6th Street at the intersection of Beallwood Drive. The stop will be posted on social media. The next planned stop will be on MLK and East 7th Street.

Executive Session for Property Discussion

Mayor Pro-tempore Gerald W. Ledbetter asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss property and personnel. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

Adjourn

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gerald W. Ledbetter asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy

Steven M. Tramell