



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
West Point Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers April 10, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Tramell called Rev. Gerald W. Ledbetter to give the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Steve Tramell.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Steve M. Tramell opened Public Hearings to hear comments for or against the rezoning request by William Wright for six lots on Wisteria Drive 1503,1505,1507,1511,1515, and 1517. The lots will be rezoned from R-1A Single Family Dwelling to R-1 Single Family Dwelling. The proposed for the rezoning will be to reduce the minimum home square footage requirement from R1A1800 square feet to R-1 1400 square feet. The rezoning does not change the permitted use which is and shall remain single family detached dwellings. Ordinance Section 5,6 and 16 City of West Point Zoning Ordinance. The municipal planning board recommend approval of the rezoning amendments to the mayor and city council.

There were no public comments. Mayor Tramell closed the public hearings.

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **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 March Financial report. Councilmember

Joseph R. Downs III made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

AGENDA

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to appoint Debra Robertson to serve a 4-year term on the Hawkes Library Board. The motion was made by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to appoint Larry Duncan to serve a 4-year term on the Hawkes Library Board. The motion was made by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to appoint Kevin Patrick to serve a 4-year term on the Municipal Planning Board. The motion was made by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; During the discussion, Councilmember Deedee Williams asked about the appointment of Trudye Johnson to the Municipal Board. City Manager Ed Moon stated her application will be on the next agenda for consideration due to just receiving applicaiton. **The motion passed unanimously**.

HARRELL PROPERTY CONCEPT PLAN

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the Harrell Preliminary plat for Brent Holding, LLC and Harrell Family Partnership, LLC. The Municipal Planning Board approved the recommendation at the April 3, 2023, meeting. The motion was made by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

REZONING REQUEST BY WILLIAM WRIGHT WISTERIA DRIVE 1503, 1505, 1507, 1511, 1515 & 1517

City Attorney Alex Dixon read an ordinance to rezone property located at 1503 Wisteria Drive. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request for parcel #0943A003002B 1503 Wisteria Drive. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

City Attorney Alex Dixon read an ordinance to rezone property located at 1505 Wisteria Drive. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request for parcel #0943A003002C 1505 Wisteria Drive. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made the said

motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall. During the discussion, Councilmember Joel B. Finlay and Deedee Williams asked about the size of the existing properties in the area, the concerns of the current residents, and if all proper notifications had been met. City Planning Director Dennis Dutton stated all legal requirements had been met; **The motion passed unanimously.**

City Attorney Alex Dixon read an ordinance to rezone property located at 1507 Wisteria Drive. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request for parcel #0943A003002D 1507 Wisteria Drive. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

City Attorney Alex Dixon read an ordinance to rezone property located at 1511 Wisteria Drive. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request for parcel #0943A003002F 1511 Wisteria Drive. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

City Attorney Alex Dixon read an ordinance to rezone property located at 1515 Wisteria Drive. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request for parcel #0943A003002H 1515 Wisteria Drive. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

City Attorney Alex Dixon read an ordinance to rezone property located at 1517 Wisteria Drive. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request for parcel #0943A003002J 1517 Wisteria Drive. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

EZ BLOCKCHAIN AGREEMENT ASSIGNMENT

Mayor Tramell stated EZ Blockchain is requesting the city to allow the current agreement between the city and EZ Blockchain for electric service to be assigned to CleanSpark. The current contract with EZ Blockchain is a 3-year contract ending November 2024. The terms of the contract will not change if the contract is signed. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to allow the current contract with EZ Blockchain to be assigned to CleanSpark. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall. The motion **passed on a 5-1 vote Councilmember Deedee Williams voted No.**

OTHER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton thanked the City of Lafayette Alabama for donating water to the city to help during the recent storms. Councilmember Deedee Williams thanked West Point for helping storm victims. Mayor Steve Tramell stated people who want to help storm victims can go the United Way Web-site and make donations.

The next scheduled work session will be on Tuesday, April 25th at 5:30.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy

Steven M. Tramell