



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
West Point Council Chambers

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Room at West Point City Hall September 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Review Agenda

Mayor Tramell called the meeting to order 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 Items

There were no public comments.

New Business

City Manager Update

Budget

City Manager Ed Moon stated the 2024 proposed budget is on schedule to be delivered to the Mayor and Council at the October 31 Work Session.

Exit 2

GDOT has completed the activation of the second temporary signal at Exit 2. The roadway has been narrowed from 4-lanes to 2. There are backups during high traffic times. GDOT is working to alleviate the congestion, but due to construction limitations the best option for travelers is to avoid the area if possible. There will be delays at times.

Water Withdrawal Permit

The city has been issued a permit to operate its water system water plant at a rate of 4.32 MGD (million gallons day). As we discussed previously, improvements must be made at the water plant before the rate of production can be increased.

Councilmember Joel B. Finlay asked if the installation of the Solar Farm run off in LaFayette AL had anything to do with the Intake problems the city has. City Manager Ed Moon stated the Solar Farm has no effect on the

city's water runoff problems. The city's current Intake is about 6-9 feet deep and it's not deep enough. The new location will put us about 20 feet and that should help with the runoffs.

Councilmember Deedee Williams asked about the sink hole on 9th Street and the work that is taking place below City Hall. She questioned should the city have long-term planning for infrastructure such as water and sewer replacement instead of patching and she also questions whether the city is applying for all the grants that is available through the state and federal government. City Manager Ed Moon stated the sink hole problem on 9th Street has been corrected. The crossing has not been open for safety reasons. Several vehicles have gotten struck on the railroad tracks due to elevation problems with the tracks and road. He suggested leaving the road closed until the elevation problem is resolved. The work on the sewer line below city hall has been repaired and the road will reopen after the contractor completes the backfill and paving. Mr. Moon assured all grants that the City of West Point is eligible to received have been pursued.

Municipal Court

The Judicial Council of Georgia has recognized the city municipal court as a Clarence Rate Excellence Award recipient. This award recognized the courts' ability to effectively manage its caseload. This achievement reflects our courts' dedication, efficiency, and commitment to ensure the timely resolution of cases.

Historic Preservation Commission Appointment

City Manager Ed Moon stated Debra Robertson's application is in your packet. She is interested in serving another term on the Historic Preservation Commission. There were no other applications received. The item will be on the next Business Meeting agenda for consideration.

Other

Mayor Tramell stated items on the October 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting agenda will be Historic Preservation Commission Appointment. Debra Robertson only applicant.

Adjourn

Mayor Steve Tramell 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