



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 @ 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 March 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay  
Councilmember Gerald E. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Kevin M. Patrick  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

**Review Agenda**

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

**Public Comment on Any Items**

There were no Public Comments.

**City Managers Report**

Water Intake Project

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city has been awarded a \$6 million federal appropriation through USACE to relocate the raw water intake. USACE will engineer and build the project. The city has already amended the deed with the Trust for Public Land to allow for the construction on the city property. Currently we do not have a schedule. We do anticipate preliminary work including an agreement to complete the project in 2024.

Water Plant Project

We are continuing to work on engineering and financing for the water plant improvement project. The city has about 1.3 million that was saved from the COVID funding. The Water Plant will cost around 16 million.

**New Business**

• **Valley Haven Proclamation**

Mayor Tramell read a proclamation and presented it to Donald Cleveland. The proclamation proclaims the week of April 28<sup>th</sup> as Hike Bike Run day in the City of West Point. Donald Cleveland passed out a pledge sheet and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

- **Railroad Crossing W 9<sup>th</sup> Street**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the railroad crossing on E 9<sup>th</sup> Street was closed for safety reasons. He stated the engineers recommends raising the grade a few inches and the crossing will be re-opened around mid may. DOT will grant permission to put up signage stating no trucks or trailers.

- **Paramedic Training Agreement**

Fire Chief Derick Staley stated he was working with the state to have a paramedic satellite base training facility in West Point. The only cost will be \$500 and providing class space. They will give the city 10,400 credit annually for employees training. The training will be held one day per week.

- **City Vehicle Surplus**

Assistant City Manager Kristin Lester stated there are four vehicles that staff is recommending the Council to surplus. A 2007 Chevrolet Colorado Vin#1GCDS136X68290968, 2012 Dodge Charger Vin#2C3CDXAGXCH278401, 2010 Volkswagen Passat Vin#WVWJK7AN6AE124764 and 2008 Ford F-150 Vin#1FTRX14W48FB35966. After council vote to surplus the vehicles they will be placed on GovDeals and sold.

- **Georgia Fund 1**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Georgia 1 fund is offered by the State of Georgia to counties, municipalities, public colleges and universities, boards of education, special districts, state agencies, and other authorized entities as a conservative, efficient, and liquid investment alternative. The primary investment objectives of Georgia Fund 1 are safety of capital, liquidity, yield, and diversification with primary emphasis on safety of capital and liquidity. Georgi Fund 1 deposits are not guaranteed or insured by any bank, the Federal Deposit insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any state agency. Mr. Moon recommends transferring funds from the Water and Sewer funds for investments into the Georgia 1 Fund.

- **Board and Committees**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Board of adjusters has one vacant seat and the other two seats that expired March 5, 2023. Hawkes Library has one, Municipal Planning Board has two. He asked the Mayor and Council to help contact the members to encourage them to fill out the application if they wish to continue serving.

(3) Board of Adjustments

- Jothaniel Zeigler 03/05/2023
- Andra Haynes 03/05/2023
- Vacant

(1) Hawkes Library

- Elizabeth Lester 03/01/2024

(2) Municipal Planning Board

- Aaron Lewis 03/15/2024
- Vacant 03/15/2027 (Kevin Patrick 3-year unexpired term)

- **EV Chargers West 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

City Economic Development Director Mehan Richardson stated she is working with a Georgia based company EnviroSpark to install tow level 2 EV chargers on West 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The Level 2 chargers would allow EV drivers the opportunity to visit West Point and charge for 45-60 minutes. The stations will have universal EV hardware that works with all major car manufacturers. EnviroSpark covers up to 100% of the design, installation, and hardware cost for the stations. Drivers are charged for the amount they charge. Pay EnviroSpark to use the charger. has a network/user experience through their App. They accept credit cards, Apple pay, and Google Pay.

### **Other**

Meghan Duke, Economic Development Director, stated on April 19<sup>th</sup> employees will be participating in a citywide cleanup. She has invited the community to join. They will meet at the River Park around 8:00am and pick up trash until around noon.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated Jamie and Tiffiany Welch 2<sup>nd</sup> annual wine tasting event will be held at the Downtown River Park. She encouraged everyone to participate in the event. She also stated May is Older Americans Month. They will be recognizing citizens who are 90 years old and older. She asked to call Kristin Lester at City Hall to report people in that age group.

Mayor Tramell stated March 30<sup>th</sup> is the year anniversary when the tornado touched down in North-West Point. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall stated there will be a ring ceremony on April 8<sup>th</sup> for the West Point Raiders winning the championship.

Police Chief Kevin Carter introduced Captina Terry Hunt as a new member to the West Point Police Department. Mr. Hunt has served many years law enforcement with different agencies including the (GBI) Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

### **ADJOURN**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Richard McCoy

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Steven M. Tramell