



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, April 30, 2024 @ 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 April 30, 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

City Manager Ed Moon stated that the Resurfacing Kia Parkway and Kia Boulevard estimate is \$5.5MM. The city will use \$1.5MM SPLOST funds. Georgia Department of Transportation opened a bid project on April 19th in support of this project. We are predicting, once GDOT selects a contractor the project will start mid-summer.

City Street Resurfacing cost came to \$207,334.62. Resurfacing Frank Hall Jr. from Hatchet Street to Happy Hollow, Georgian Terrace from Highland Drive to Briarcliff, West 12th Street from 2nd Avenue to 3rd Avenue, and leveling at West 9th Street Railroad Crossing. Signs will be placed at West 9th Railroad Crossing soon.

Falcon Engineering is preparing a proposal for a traffic study at the West 8th Street Railroad crossing and an engineering proposal for repairs at the Long Cane Creek Bridge on Kia Parkway. Traffic Study was requested by Georgia Department of Transportation in reference to our request to remove the two traffic lights.

New Business

• **Depot**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city stopped taking new reservations in November 2023. Violating the city rental agreement had evolved by using the facility for profit events with alcohol sales and entry fees. A few options discussed are for the city to continue to operate the facility with no alcohol allowed. Possible exceptions for wedding events or similar specific events. Increase rates to cover the cost of the facility,

- **Board and Committee Statement of Interest to Service**

The City Manager Ed Moon stated the Board and Committee Statement of Interest to Service has been updated to read, submit statements of interest to Kristin Lester, the appointment list will be placed on city website and social media, applications must be submitted 20 days prior to the city council business meeting, omitted interviewing of the applicant and updated the list of board names. The item will be on the next business meeting agenda for consideration.

- **Executive Session to discuss Purchase of Property**

The Mayor Steve Tramell made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Purchase of Property. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion, seconded by Gerald W. Ledbetter; passed unanimously.

After the Executive Session, The Mayor and Council reconvene in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to designate the City Manager to execute a purchase of property agreement located at 704 East 8th Street, Parcel Number 0943D028006. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion, seconded by Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

Other

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated Jamie and Tiffiany Welch 2nd annual wine tasting event will be held at the Downtown River Park, Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated May is Older Americans Month. The council will recognize citizens who are 90 years old and older at the Monday, May 13, 2024, business meeting. She asked to call Kristin Lester at City Hall to report people in that age group.

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.

Richard McCoy

Steven M. Tramell