



City of West Point

Council Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 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 May 28, 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 Kevin M. Patrick
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gerald E. Ledbetter

Review Agenda

Mayor Steve Tramell called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion. Councilmember Kevin M. Patrick seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

Public Comment on Any Items

There were no Public Comments.

City Managers Report

CSX Rail Crossings

City Manager Ed Moon stated CSX will be placing new rails through West Point. The improvements are to improve the load capacity of the rail line. CSX has notified the city that West Point Road, Highway 29 will be closed for work June 10-12. Once that crossing is completed the downtown area will be under construction. The work plan is to keep the 7th Street crossing or the 8th Street crossing open so traffic can travel through downtown.

The city received the permit from GDOT to install the no trucks signs on the state ROW for the 9th Street crossing. CSX has asked the city not to reopen until their work is complete. They will do what they can to assist with improving the grade at the crossing.

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, event staff, and operational cost. Recommendation is to have staff and security at events. The City Council

discussed using the facility for a new vision. Such as, sponsored events, farmers and artist market, business incubator to allow small businesses to develop. The City Manager Ed Moon presented different options for a new schedule that will increase rates and tighten the facility rental agreement. City Manager Ed Moon presented several options Option A which includes continue rent to the public with single events for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with \$1,000 deposit. Option B Use the facility for City programs or city sponsored events. Option C, contract with a Service provider for \$1,500 per Event for 40 events. Option D Hybrid City sponsored Event contract with provider or Option E create new uses for the property such as lease spaces, Incubator for small business.

- **Boards & Committees Statement of Interest to Serve**

The City Manager Ed Moon stated the Board and Committee Statement of Interest to Service has been updated as of May 2024 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.

- **Final Plat for the Subdivision of Takco**

City Planner Dennis Dutton stated the Georgia Plat Act requires approval of subdivision plats by the governmental entity. The Municipal Planning Board will meet on June 3, 2024, and on June 10, 2024, the Mayor and Council will be asked to vote on the Final Plat for the Subdivision of Takco. The property is located on Kia Parkway just adjacent Southwest to the City of West Point Fire Station at 100 Safety Way. The intent is for the sale and future development of the parcel. The parcels are zoned I1 Light Industrial and will comply with the City's Code of Ordinances. This will allow the sale and future development of the 31-acre tract.

Other

Mayor Tramell asked everyone to come to the River Park on Saturday June 2, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and to support Farmer & Defined event.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor