



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 14, 2025 @ 5:30PM
West Point Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers on April 14, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Kevin Patrick
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Steve Tramell led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Gald W. Ledbetter made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Tramell stated the financial report is in the Council packet. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the March Financial report. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

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

2025 BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPONITMENTS

Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made a motion to appoint Marshall Sapp to the Hawkes Library Board for a 4-year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made a motion to appoint Erin Anderson to the Hawkes Library Board for a 4-year term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

Council Member Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to appoint Dianne Davidson for a 3-year term on the Board of Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

Council Member Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve Don Cleveland for a 3-year term on the Board of Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

Council Member Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve Bill Gladden for a 4-year term on the Municipal Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to approve an ordinance of the Mayor and Council to amend the zoning ordinance contained in the code of the city to add section 12.A to the zoning ordinance of the city in order to add a zoning district identified as (LUCO) Limited Use Commercial and Office District; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to fix and effective date; and for other purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve, an ordinance of the Mayor and Council to amend the zoning ordinance contained in the code of the city to add section 12.B to the zoning ordinance of the city in order to add a zoning district identified as (O-I) Office Institutional District; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Kevin Patrick made a motion to approve, an ordinance of the Mayor and Council to amend the zoning ordinance contained in the code of the city to amend section 16 of the zoning ordinance of the city in order to establish the area and dimensional regulations withing the new zoning districts within the city, specifically the (LUCO) Limited Use Commercial and Office District and the (O-I) Office Institutional District; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

ZONING AMENDMENT FOR 301 WEST 10TH STREET

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve and ordinance of the Mayor and Council to amend the code of the city; to amend the zoning map and ordinances of the city so as to classify the use zone of real estate located within the city

limits and owned by Capital City Bank and located at 301 West 10th Street, consisting of approximately 1.432 acres, more or less, to reclassify such property from I-1 (Light Industrial District) to CBD (Central Business District); to repeal conflicting ordinances; to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

PARKING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve an ordinance of the Mayor and Council to amend the code of the city concerning illegal parking; to modify and amend section 20-10 of the city code to provide for local enforcement provisions for illegal parking consistent with current state law; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint the City Manager and the City Clerk to serve as the Authorized Officials for the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia's – Municipal Competitive Trust. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

OTHER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton invited everyone to the Hat and Heels event on May 3rd, in the Downtown River Park. Tickets are available.

Betty/LeGayle Foundation is in honor of the city's former city clerk. The annual event will take place Saturday, May 31st. Please attend.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kristin Lester

Steven M. Tramell