



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 @ 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 April 29, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

**Review Agenda**

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

**Public Comment on Any Items**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

• **City Manager Report**

City Manager Ed Moon reported Coca Cola Site Development Phase 1 of site development continues. Demolition of the Coca Cola Building and facilities is complete. Finalizing the conveyance agreement for the site with parcel 4 development. Still on track for a formal announcement in July. The Georgia Department of Transportation mentioned the striping and signage should be complete by mid-June at the roundabout project area. There are three options for intersection signals at 8th Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Waiting for the design engineer, Barge Engineers, to evaluate. GDOT will pay for new signals for the entire intersection, if the city will design and install.

• **Proclamation for Local Literacy Initiative**

Mayor Steve Tramell presented a Proclamation for Local Literacy Initiative to Ms. Jaunelle White, on behalf of Tiffany Welch. Get Troup Reading is a collaboration of schools, libraries, nonprofits, parents, and local leaders, working together to build a culture of reading in homes, classrooms, and neighborhoods.

• **Joint Funding Agreement for Aerial Imagery Service**

City Manager Ed Moon stated that Troup County will enter into an agreement with Eagleview for ariel imagery services for two 3-inch resolution capture projects beginning in 2025 and 2030 for a total cost of \$257,040, payable over a six-year term in annual installments of \$42,840. The municipalities have agreed to participate in the funding for the use of the imagery. The cost was split by the number of parcels. West Point included Troup and Harris County for an annual share of \$4,392, total obligation \$13,176. The city will reimburse Troup County. The agreement will be on the business meeting agenda for council consideration.

- **Department of Army Design and Construction Assistance Agreement for Environmental Infrastructure Improvements Project**

City Manager Ed Moon provided the Obligations of the Parties in the Department of Army Design and Construction Assistance Agreement for the Raw Water Intake, Pump Station, and Water Main Project. The total shared construction cost to accomplish this increment of work is estimated to be \$7,960,000. Work is estimated to be completed February 2029.

Design- Build (allocation rounded to nearest \$1,000):

Federal Cash: \$5,970,000 (75%)

Non-Federal Cash: \$1,975,000 (24.8%)

Non-Federal Relocations: \$0 (0%)

Non-Federal Lands/Easements: \$0 (0%)

Non-Federal In-Kind Contributions: \$15,000 (0.2%)

Total Construction Cost: \$7,960,000 (100%)

- **HB 581 and HB 92 Estimated Roll-back Millage Rate for 2025**

City Manager Ed Moon presented House Bill 581 and House Bill 92 Estimated Rollback Millage Rate for 2025. The estimated roll-back rate is a new concept that became law in 2025. It was created by HB 581 (2024) and revised by HB 92 (2025). Under prior law, a property owner's annual notice of assessment (NOA) automatically included the previous year's millage rate for each authority and an estimated tax liability based on that rate. HB 581 created the estimated roll-back rate, designed to provide local governments with more flexibility in accurately previewing that year's millage rate to the property owner on their NOA. HB 92 added deadline by which the estimated roll-back rate must be provided and added a fallback provision if a jurisdiction fails to certify and provide an estimated roll-back rate. City Manager Ed Moon recommended West Point's estimated roll-back millage rate to be 7.800. This will be on the next business meeting agenda for council consideration.

- **Rezoning Request by West Point Development Authority for 1700 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Stephanie Taylor for 1804 and 1806 US Highway 29**

Planning Director Dennis Dutton stated this is notification that there will be a public hearing, council discussion and vote on Monday, May 12 at 5:30 PM.

- **Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation and Personnel. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Lebetter; **passed unanimously.**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

### **Other**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announced the Hat and Heels event on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the downtown river park. Tickets are available.

### **The next Business Meeting May 12, 2025 5:30p.m.**

- Public Hearing for Rezoning Request
  - Development Authority for 1700 East 10th Street
  - Stephanie Taylor for 1804 & 1806 US Highway 29
- Joint Funding Agreement for Aerial Imagery Service
- Department of Army Design and Construction Assistance Agreement for Environmental Infrastructure Improvements Project
- Estimated Roll-back Millage Rate for 2025
- Rezoning Request by Development Authority for 1700 East 10th Street
- Rezoning Request by Stephanie Taylor for 1804 & 1806 US Highway 29

### **ADJOURN**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.