



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 @ 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 July 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 E. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Kevin M. Patrick
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 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

• **New Employee Introduction**

Planning Director Dennis Dutton introduced a new employee, Tolanda Robinson. She will fill the Community Development Program Administrator position. Mrs. Robinson started on July 9 cleaning and preparing the youth building for the new school year.

Fire Chief Derick Staley introduced a new employee, Christopher Smith. His position is a full-time Emergency Medical Technician. Fire Chief Staley recognized Ricky Webster for his promotion to Sergeant. He has 21 years of Public Safety Experience and is the instructor with the Paramedic School in West Point. Also, Zac Smith's promotion to Lieutenant. He has 12 years of Public Safety experience and has been with the city for eight years.

• **City Surplus**

City Clerk Kristin Lester recommended to surplus city equipment that is no longer in service and to sell on Govdeals. Utility Department, 2008 John Deere Excavator 35D, Serial #FF035DX26110. This item will be on the next business meeting agenda for council consideration.

- **Update on the West Point Comprehensive Plan**

Planning Director Dennis Dutton presented an update on the West Point Comprehensive Plan. The Steering Committee Meetings/Topics:

- Meeting #1 – June 23
 - SWOT Analysis, Survey Development
- Meeting #2 – June 30
 - Economic Development, Housing, Tourism
- Meeting #3 – July 7
 - Community Facilities, Transportation, Land Use
- Meeting #4 – July 14
 - Land Use continued and Character Area/Future Land Use Map update

Next Steps on the West Point Comprehensive Plan:

- Update Character Area/Future Land Use Map – underway
- Update Community Work Program/Report of Accomplishments – will develop from steering committee meetings and will need to be informed by all departments of the city
- Draft plan document
- Continue to promote the survey – 77 online responses as of 7.28.25
- Schedule and advertise 2nd public hearing – August Work Session (Aug 26?) or September Council Meeting (Sept 8?)

- **Weather Warning Upgrade**

Fire Chief Derick Staley presented Rapid Warn Mass Weather Notification System has been installed and will allow for the earliest notification for citizens of West Point to ensure the safety of citizens. Currently there are five weather sirens located within the city. Data will be monitored by the National Weather Service Peachtree City and the National Weather Service Birmingham. With focus on West Point and surrounding area in Georgia and Alabama.

- **Meter Reading Improvements**

Utility Director Sammy Inman presented Sensus Metering Infrastructure to streamline meter reading for electric, water, and gas within the city. The meters with radios will be purchased and installed through Kendall Supply Inc. They have been involved in the installation of these meters and associated radio devices. Customer Service will utilize radio frequency to communicate with meters, transmitting data to a central system for billing and analysis.

- **SPLOST V – Soccer Fields**

City Manager Ed Moon proposed a budget for recreation. He stated SPLOST V Troup County is \$5 million.

Roads & Sidewalks	\$2,000,000
West Point Parks	\$1,500,000
Troup County West Point Parks & Recreation	\$1,500,000
Current Balance	\$3,000,000

Proposed Soccer Field \$600,000
Proposed Capital Outlay for Park Improvements \$400,000
Proposed River Park Bank Stabilization and Improvements \$500,000
Proposed Aquatic Project \$1.5 Million

The city is currently accepting proposals for the total cost to complete the West Point Soccer Fields, including the construction of a natural turf field. The deadline for submission is August 21, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

This item will be on the next business meeting agenda for council consideration.

Other

Mayor Tramell mentioned National Night Out for Public Safety is Tuesday, August 5, 5:30 – 7:30 PM, in John Hoggs Field.

Councilmember Joel Finlay thanked Councilmember Kevin Patrick for handling the set up for transporting West Point children to Lanett swimming pool.

Councilmember Joel Finlay mentioned the kayaks with flowers dispersed downtown is a great idea and they look good. Economic Development Director Meghan Duke said the plants will be changed soon to a fall arrangement.

The next Business Meeting, August 11, 2025, 5:30p.m.

- Surplus City Equipment
- SPLOST V – Soccer Fields

ADJOURN

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Joeseeph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.