



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

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Public Hearing

Mayor Steve Tramell opened the public hearing.

The mayor called upon Paul Jarrell with Three Rivers Commission to present 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update. Paul Jarrell explained the 20-year outlook of the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will establish community based short and long term vision for the city's future, assess existing needs, conditions, and opportunities, establish goals and strategies to guide future action based upon a shared vision, build upon previous efforts and initiatives, formalize implementation plan to leverage public and private investment, quality for grants, permits, and other funding programs, comply with state planning requirements, and the State Law – Georgia Planning Act 1989. The draft plan will be on the city website for review.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Steve Tramell closed the public hearing.

Review Agenda

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

Public Comment on Any Items

There were no public comments.

New Business

• **Community Update by Meghan Richardson, Economic Development Director**

Meghan Richardson, Economic Development Director, presented an update on Downtown West Point over the past twelve months. Nine new businesses have opened downtown: Scott Candle Company, The Coffee Gin, Twine and Pine Trading Company, Pack N' Ship, Steak and Company, Birds on a Wire Photography, La

Familia Mexican Restaurant, Pure Soles, and State Line Nutrition. Four of these businesses applied for and received a façade grant from the Downtown Development Authority.

Upcoming community events include Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 25, at New Horizon Community Theatre, with *Hocus Pocus* currently leading the movie vote, and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 2. Speakers and singers are still needed for the tree lighting event.

The City of West Point has also been selected to participate in the Georgia Municipal Association and Georgia Cities Foundation Placemaking Collaborative 2025 Program, which focuses on creating healthy, appealing, and unique places for people to live, work, and play.

Tacko Construction has begun work on a new four-building campus on KIA Parkway. The first building to be completed will be a 104,000-square-foot Class A industrial warehouse designed for logistics, distribution, and automotive supply chain operations, making it an ideal location for just-in-time logistics capabilities.

In addition, a hotel developer is actively working with the city and the Development Authority on redevelopment of the former Coca-Cola property. Additional updates are expected in early 2026. Two nearby parcels will also be marketed — one for a full-service restaurant and the other for a multi-tenant strip center with drive-thru capacity.

- **Community Update by Mike Pitts, Parks and Recreation Director**

Mike Pitts, Parks and Recreation Director, presented an update on yearly activities for youth and adults. West Point Parks and Recreation offers programs throughout the year. Winter activities include basketball, while spring programs feature t-ball, baseball, softball, and Little League All-Stars. In the summer, instructional camps are hosted by Point University, Troup High School, and local art instructors. Fall sports include football, cheerleading, flag football, and soccer. Team sponsorships play an important role in keeping registration costs affordable for the community.

- **Citylogix**

Ed Moon, City Manager, mentioned that staff is learning how to use Citylogix software that will allow informed decision making on resurfacing and paving streets. Citylogix is a leading provider of data and analytics for smart city transportation infrastructure, leveraging LiDAR, 360° imaging, and AI-powered analytics to create detailed digital maps, and provide predictive analytics for proactive asset management.

- **Sponsorship for Christmas on the Hooch**

Meghan Richardson, Economic Development Director, announced that *Christmas on the Hooch* will be held Saturday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the West Point Depot. This free community event drew more than 300 children in 2024, and attendance is expected to reach 500 this year. Sponsorships are being requested to help cover the cost of major attractions, including a real snow play area, cookie decorating, reindeer food making, and more. The Mayor and Council's sponsorship last year was \$5,000. This item will be placed on the business meeting agenda for council consideration.

- **Award Construction Contractor for Woodyard Trail Project**

Meghan Richardson, Economic Development Director, stated that sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at West Point City Hall. The bids are for the Woodyard Trail Project, which will consist of a 0.3-mile ADA-accessible concrete walking trail creating a riverwalk along the bank of the Chattahoochee River. The trail will connect to the existing loop trail and extend to the Alabama state line. It will also include wildlife viewing areas and interpretive signage. This item will be placed on the business meeting agenda for council consideration.

- **2026 City Budget Update**

Ed Moon, City Manager, presented an update on the 2026 City Budget. The budget is currently in the preliminary stages of processing. Mr. Moon has received all departmental requests and has begun reviewing revenues and expenditures. Progress will continue, and the draft budget is scheduled to be presented at the October 28 Work Session.

- **Executive Session for Pending Legal Litigation**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to enter an Executive Session to discuss Pending Legal Litigation. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

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

Other

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announced Walking for a Cure by the Betty LaGayle Cancer Foundation on Saturday, October 25th, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Steve Tramell announced Salvation Army is accepting Angel Tree Applications until October 22. Register at SAAngelTree.org.

The next Business Meeting October 13, 2025 5:30p.m.

- Sponsorship for Christmas on the Hooch
- Award Contractor Bid for Woodyard Trail Project

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.