



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall February 9, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph Downs  
Councilmember Donald Gilliam  
Councilmember M. Darren Kelley  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Annie Wallace  
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting of the Mayor and City Council to order and welcomed everyone.

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Roy Bain, Lanett Congregation Christian Church for opening prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 12 2009, regular meeting of the City Council were **approved without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Sandra Thornton presented the January financial report with the February cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Darren Kelley **passed unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION

Councilmember Darren Kelley read a proclamation proclaiming February 9, 2009 as Millard Fuller Day. Millard Fuller consistently demonstrated the qualities of passion, humanity and love through his work with Habitat for Humanity and Fuller Center for Housing, Councilmember Kelley presented the proclamation to Mr. Bill Scott. Mr. Scott praised the City of West Point for its full cooperation with the Chattahoochee Fuller Center Project and said Fuller provided motivation locally for people to attack the issue of poverty housing and bad neighborhoods.

## ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Ferguson asked for nomination from the floor for candidates to be appointed to the City of West Point Animal Control Board. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson nominated Mr. Wayne Scroggs. Councilmember Sandra Thornton nominated Ms. Dale Cook and Councilmember Joseph Downs nominated Mr. Jimmy Bailey. There were no other nominees. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appointed Mr. Wayne Scroggs, Ms. Dale Cook and Mr. Jimmy Bailey to the Animal Control Board. Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

## ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTMENT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appoint Donald Boyd as the 2009 Election Superintendent for the City of West Point. Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

## ELECTION QUALIFYING FEES 2009

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to set the qualifying fees for councilmember for the 2009 election at \$90.00. Councilmember Darren Kelley made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously**.

## REZONING LOT ON HWY 18

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass an ordinance to rezone property owned by Mr. Smir Desei Map #94-4C Block B Parcel numbers two, three, and four Land Lot #277 from R-IA Single-Family Residential to CGN General Commercial District. Councilmember Joseph Downs made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

## SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution authorizing the sale of municipal property. The property is an un-open street located at Third Avenue and W 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The sale is to two of the abutting property owners Manna Fellowship and Taunton Property at the fair market price. Councilmember Annie Wallace made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously**.

## RESOLUTION FOR THE 2008-2018 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution adopting the 2008-2018 City of West Point Solid Waste Management Plan that is in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management and all other requirements as established by the Georgia Department of community Affairs under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, as amended. Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

## ALLEN-SMITH AGREEMENT FOR CDBG INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to inter into an agreement with Allen-Smith Consulting to write a Community Development Block Grant for water and sewer in the amount of \$6,000. Councilmember Darren Kelley made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam; **carried unanimously**.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY GRANT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to apply for a Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Grant. The Grant will fund a Coordinator who will provide direction to families, assists individuals, identify and develop goals to increase the self sufficiency of the family unit. The Housing Authority of West Point will have the overall responsibility for managing the program. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam; **carried unanimously**.

## RESOLUTION TO AMEND GEFA LOAN

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to amend the GEFA Loan project #2006-L45WJ. The amendment will make the principal sum due \$8,049,445. The unpaid principal balance interest rate is 4.13%. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Anne Wallace; **carried unanimously**.

## ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an Alcohol Beverage License for Miso Sushi House at 705 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Suite 101. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam; **carried unanimously**.

## TAX ALLOCATION DISTRICT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to request the City Legislative Delegation to present a bill to the Georgia Legislature authorizing the City of West Point to exercise all redevelopment and other power under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII (b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of title 36 of the O.C.GA Redevelopment Power Law giving local government the authority to create "tax allocation district". Councilmember Darren Kelley made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously**.

## LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GMA

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to enter into a supplemental Lease agreement with GMA. The agreement will authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver a lease with GMA for the two police cars, 1 truck code enforcement, 1 truck gas department, 1 tractor utilities department that was approved in the 2009

budget. Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph Downs; **carried unanimously.**

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation proclaiming the month of February 2009 to be “Black History Month” in the City of West Point. Mayor Ferguson encouraged all City of West Point residents to join in celebration the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures, and traditions of African-Americans.

**COUNCIL GENERAL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson recognized Ms. Phyllis Bishop with West Point 2100 and Mr. Mike Crook who work with the River Walk Project. Ms. Bishop said West Point 2100 was still working toward organizing a Welcome Center. She said the center will to be located in the Depot. Mr. Crook stated the pave walking trail was completed and is ready for use. He invited everyone to come enjoy the beauty of the trails. He thanked the City Workers and Staff for all their help.

Councilmember Donald Gilliam thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of Black History Month. Councilmember Sandra Thornton said there seems to be a problem with school buses parking on city streets. Mayor Ferguson said that if the problem is not taken care of before the next work session it can be put on the agenda.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Richard McCoy  
City Clerk

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A. Drew Ferguson IV  
Mayor