



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall July 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III

Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Review Agenda

Mayor Ferguson called meeting to order and reviewed the agenda items for the meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments on any agenda item.

New Business

- **Sign Ordinance Amendment**

City Planner Sammy Osborne stated the City of West Point adopted our current sign ordinance in 2007. The recommended changes are to section 3.D (Materials) page 66 currently states, Permanent signs shall be made of high quality durable material. Approved materials are metal with a minimum thickness of 6mm, high density urethane (HDU) or wood. If plywood is to be used, it must have exceptionally smooth and weather resistance surfaces, such as those with medium-density overlay (MDO) board. Hand painted signs that are not professionally done will not be allowed. Signs shall compliment the material and color of the building. This requirement does not apply to the Quality Development Corridor Overlay District (QDC). With the recommended changes Section 3.D will read Permanent signs shall be made of high quality durable material. Approved materials are metal with a minimum thickness of 6mm, high density urethane (HDU) or wood. If plywood is to be used, it must have exceptionally smooth and weather resistance surfaces, such as those with medium-

density overlay (MDO) board. Other high quality materials shall be given consideration. Hand painted signs that are not professionally done will not be allowed. Signs shall compliment the material and color of the building. Materials (Downtown Historic District). Will change to Signs in the Downtown Historic District are held to a higher level of execution and should be unique and compliment the historic nature of the district. Permanent signs shall be made of high density urethane (HDU) with a minimum thickness of 1 inch or wood with a minimum thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ '. Signs may be painted directly on the building if they are professionally done. Other high quality material shall be given consideration. All signs must be approved by the Downtown District Sign Committee. It is recommended that material should not be ordered for the sign before obtaining approval. A public hearing will be held on August 7, 2014 before being presented to Council for approval.

- **Budget Calendar**

City Manager Ed Moon reviewed the 2015 Budget Calendar. He stated the process will begin August 5, 2014 with the budget request forms distributed to Departments at Department Directors meeting, August 27 through September 5, 2014 City Manager meets with Mayor and City Council in individual meetings, September 2, 2014 Department Directors return budget request forms to City Manager, September 3 through October 14, 2014 City Manager assembles budget requests and compiles the budget document and meet with Department Directors, October 28, 2014 City manager presents budget for consideration in work session, October 30, 2014 Public Engagement Meeting, October 30, 2014 through November 28, 2014 Mayor and Council review budget with City Manager, November 6, 2014 Public hearing, November 25, 2014 Public hearing, December 4, 2014 Final Council review, December 8, 2014 Presentation to Council for adoption. December 12, 2014 distribute the approved budget to departments, media, and post on Carl Vincent Institute web-site and make available to public. January 1, 2015 Budget becomes effective.

- **City Manager Update**

- City Manager Ed Moon reviewed the Forward Fund proceeds. The Forward Fund is funded through KMMG (KIA) for payments in lieu of taxes. The City will receive \$6,650,000 from 2013 through 2028. The Forward Fund will receive \$2,500,000 General Fund \$3,250,000, WPDA \$650,000, and West Point Elementary \$100,000.
- The Trust for Public Land will closed on the property along the Chattahoochee River that they will donate to the City in a few days. They are asking the City to pay an additional \$3,076 for a total of 23,076 in exchange for deeding all the land to the City.

- The City is in the process of cleaning up the storage area behind the gym. The Highway 29 Project of relocating City facilities is making progress. Mr. Moon commended the Department Directors Thomas Scott, Sammy Inman and Sammy Osborne for working together towards getting the project completed.
- The Dymos and Kopla projects are nearing complete. Dymos has plans to begin production in August.
- He stated the SPLASH Paid will be part of the Downtown River Overlook Park and should be completed by summer 2015.
- Mr. Moon stated there has been interest from citizens of putting playground equipment in the 6th Street Park. He stated the City currently does not have any funding for the equipment. The equipment estimated cost is \$50,000 to \$70,000.
- Point University will begin fall classes on August 13th. There have been discussions with officials concerning bus stops and parking.

- **Carrie Brkich, Troup Trained & Sherry Brown Circles Troup County**

Carrie Brkich stated Troup Works goal is for all Jobs in Troup County be posted on their web-site. They plan to update their brand and design. She also stated out of the 25 graduates from the Troup Works program 21 are employed. Ms. Brkich thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

Sherry Brown stated Circles Troup County is to help families out of poverty. They want to expand to West Point. They have had 20 families go through the 12 weeks class. She talked about one of West Point citizen who has completed the class and is now employed in a field that she enjoys. She also expressed the difficulties she has had getting West Point Citizens involved.

- **Consider Agenda Items for Work Session #2**

Mayor Ferguson stated the items listed above will be considered for discussion on August 7th at 8:15 a.m. during the work session.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor Ferguson thanked Ms. Brkich and Ms. Brown for their work in helping to get a foot hold in changing the culture of our community.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned