



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall June 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

Agenda Reviewed in it's entirely before discussion

The Mayor reviewed the agenda and stated without objection from the council the meeting will precede with the outlined agenda.

Public Comments on any issue

There were no public comments

Presenter

- **Lakey Boyd, Downtown Master Plan**

Ms. Lakey Boyd representative Market+Main gave an overview of the Downtown Master Plan. She stated the city needs to view retail as an amenity. Citizens want downtown to be an employment center, a dining destination and an entertainment center. The strategy for the plan is awareness, programming, management, business development, destinations and funding. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III had some concerns about the part of the plan that would close two lanes of Highway 29 to accommodate cyclist and pedestrians. Mayor Ferguson stated the plan is a blue print for the redevelopment of downtown and the city would have the right to make any changes the Mayor and Council deemed necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Appoint Election Superintendent for City Elections**

City Manager Ed Moon stated after reviewing the many possibilities of appointing an election superintendant that he recommends the Mayor and City Council appoint City Clerk Richard McCoy. Mr. McCoy has already begun the process of obtaining the proper certification to serve in this position. He stated he has confidence that Mr. McCoy will supervise the West Point local elections with the same professionalism he exemplifies every day in his role as City Clerk.

- **Malt Beverage Wine, & Liquor Application for West Point Kwick Stop & Wing & More**

Mayor Ferguson stated the two items will be on the next business meeting for consideration.

- **Forward Fund Grant & Loan Program**

Mayor Ferguson stated the Forward Loan and Grant Program would create a loan and grant pool from the funds paid to the city by Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia in lieu of taxes. The proposal would put \$2.5 million of the \$6.65 million that the city will receive from Kia over the next sixteen years into the Forward Loans and Grant pool that could be used to promote economic security and development in the city's 10th Street Redevelopment District. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III stated the plan had not been thoroughly reviewed and other methods had not been discussed as to the use of the funds such as giving some relief to citizens on taxes. Ms. Dee Dee Williams stated she agreed with Councilmember Downs that some relief to citizens should be considered and she stated the city has not been transparent with the process. Mayor Ferguson disagreed and stated the Mayor and Council have been discussing the Forward Fund Grant & Loan Program possibilities since the Mayor and Council retreat that took place on February 7, 2013. Councilmember Gerald R. Ledbetter also stated that was the timeline of discussion.

- **Process for Appointment of City Board, Authority, & Commission Members**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there are some examples of Appointment to City Board policies from several cities that the Mayor and Council may review and offer suggestions that could be considered in formulating a police for the City of West Point.

Consider Items for Council Meeting

Mayor Ferguson stated the following items will be on the next agenda for the council consideration.

- InterCall Proclamation
- Appoint Election Superintendent
- Consider Downtown Master Plan

- Malt Beverage & Wine License Application for West Point Kwick Stop
- Liquor, Malt Beverage & Wine License Application for Wing & More Restaurant

Mayor Ferguson stated the Forward Fund Grant & Loan Program may be addressed if the Council choose to add the item to the agenda.

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Youth Academy will take place the Week of July 8th. See encouraged the youth of the city to participate. Councilmember Thornton also stated she and Councilmember Wilcox will meet with Troup County Parks and Recreation about some concerns of citizens of West Point and asked if other members would like to join them.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned