



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall March 6, 2014 at 8:15 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 Steven M. Tramell
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Agenda Reviewed in it's entirely before discussion

The Mayor and Council reviewed the agenda and proceeded with the agenda.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

- **Presentation on Forward Fund Policy & Procedures**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the mission of the Forward Fund is to encourage sustainable community development projects that further the economic growth of the community, create employment and housing opportunities for residents, and generally improve the City. The specific focus is the 10th Street Area Redevelopment Plan designated district.

City Planner Christopher Cole reviewed the regulations, application process and the statement of conditions. The minimum loan amount is \$50,000. The Mayor and Council may set a maximum amount but the recommendation is to review each project and make awards based on the project needs.

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

City Planner Christopher Cole stated there will be a request to amend section 20 of the zoning ordinance to add standards for Telecommunications Facilities and to also rename Section 20 to Supplemental Regulations. The ordinance will set standards for cell towers in the city limits.

- **Street Closure for Phase II Recreation “Free Play Field”**

City Manager Ed Moon stated a resolution to close portion of East 11th Street between its intersection with Avenue D and its intersection with Avenue C to allow the expansion and improvement of park facilities within the corporate limits of the City.

- **Liquor, Malt Beverage & Wine License Applications**

City Clerk Richard McCoy stated a Liquor, Malt Beverage and Wine license application has been submitted for Jaimee Soohyun manager of Miso Sushi House at 705 Suite #101 3rd Avenue. The application will be on the next council agenda for consideration.

- **Resolution to Award Contractor for Sewer System Improvements**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the lowest bid for the Water Sewer System Improvements for the Division One project was Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$381,434.90 and the low bidder for Division Two was from Alexander Contracting Co., Inc. in the amount of \$259,027.85. The City was awarded \$300,000 from the One Georgia Grant and \$353,486.00 from the EIP Grant. The City was anticipating \$500,000 for each grant. Mr. Moon stated he has a meeting with Dymos to discuss the short fall.

- **Sale of City Property**

City Manager Ed Moon stated Mrs. Anita Jones has requested to purchase a small strip of city property that has a sewer line going through it. The property is adjacent to her property and besides the sewer line, the city do not have any other use for the property. If the property is sold, an easement may be granted to the city for the right to access the sewer line.

- **Council Room Renovation Dates**

City Manager Ed Moon stated renovation to the council room will began April 15th and the projected completion date is May 10th. The City Council meeting, work sessions, and Court will be held at the Training Center on O.G. Skinner Drive until the project is completed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sandra Thornton thanked everyone for their support of the Black History Program with a special thanks going to Kristin Lester. She stated without the help of everyone working together, the program couldn't have been a success.

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned