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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall May 28, 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**

Ms. Trudye Johnson gave a report on the events for the Valley wide Juneth Celebration. She thanked KIA for being a corporate sponsor. Ms. Johnson invited the council to attend the event and asked if they would consider hosting the event in downtown West Point.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Aaron Fortner, Downtown Master Plan**

Mr. Aaron Fortner gave a report of the finding from the two public meeting for the Downtown Master Plan. He stated the feedback from citizens wanted to upgrade the streetscape in the West Point historic district which include the water works section of town. Use the available recreation funds to purchase land along the 10<sup>th</sup> street corridor, splash pad, and free play fields/areas. Mr. Fortner stated the big idea is to develop a downtown green space park. He also stated the four lanes on 10<sup>th</sup> street could be converted to two lanes and one turning lane. The other lane could be used for bike and pedestal traffic.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Municipal Elections.**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the City was looking into getting someone to supervise the upcoming municipal election. He stated the City have some reservations in recommending the Troup County Election Board with the public issues surrounding the board. He also stated the City was not totally satisfied nor totally dissatisfied with

the Judge of Probate. He stated state the City Clerk could preside over the election. City Clerk Richard McCoy stated that would put him in a political situation he would prefer to avoid.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Appointment to West Point Development Authority Board**

Mayor Ferguson stated the West Point Development Authority Board has recommended Mr. Phillip Johnson to serve on the board. Mr. Craig Berlin resigned leaving a vacancy. Mayor Ferguson stated other names may be nominated but action need to be taken at the next business meeting.

- **Amusement Devices and Game Room Ordinance**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the stated has reduced the maximum number of gaming machines an establishment can have from nine to six. The City ordinance needs to be change in accordance to state law.

- **Forward Fund Grant & Loan Program**

City Manager Ed Moon introduced a proposal to create a grant and loan program. The program will be funded from proceeds the city will collect from KIA in lieu of taxes. The City will establish the West Point Forward Grant and Loan Fund. The City anticipates collecting \$2.5 million over 5 years. The City will hire an AICP certified planner to manage the program. The salary will be paid from the forward fund for the first five years. The City will increase the general fund by \$500,000. The City will in collaboration with the Trust for Public Land acquire additional park land and easements to connect the river park to the Corps of Engineers property at West point Dam.

- **Vehicles for Hire**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Vehicle for Hire section of the city's code of ordinance relating to rates is obsolete and should be revised. He reviewed ordinances of city's similar to West Point and will present revisions for consideration at future meetings.

## **Mayor & Council Comments**

No comments

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned