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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall October 9, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell  
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

**Meeting Called to Order / Review Agenda**

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

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

**New Business**

- **Dr. Margaret Downs Schaufler, MD. Cancer Awareness**

Dr. Margaret Downs Schaufler stated she grew up in West Point, has degrees from the University of Georgia and Emory. She stated October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and she shared some information for the treatment and prevention of dealing with breast cancer. She stated breast cancer was the second cause of death among women in the United States. She also stated over 80% of the women diagnosed with breast cancer find their own cancer which stresses the need for women to know their bodies and consult their doctors when they notice any changes such as swelling, knots or any abnormal changes. She also stated 85% diagnosed with cancer have no family history of breast cancer. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts in helping educate the citizens of prevention and treatment of breast cancer.

- **Dr. Cathy Carlisle, Update On Career College**

Dr. Cathy Carlisle, Chief Executive Officer of THINC Academy gave an update on the Academy. She stated the school received its charter in November 2013. Enrollment is around 500 students. The school enrollment will not have a negative effect financially on the Troup County School System. She stated under state law the funds per child revenues will follow the students. KIA Motors Manufacturing Georgia has committed to donate \$600,000 a year for five years but with other major expenses such as leasing classroom space and the cost for busing students the academy is around a million dollars short of needed revenues. She asked the Mayor and Council for their support.

- **Board & Committee Appointments**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there are no changes from the last work session. Deborah Robertson, incumbent on the Historic Preservation Commission is the only person who has responded and expresses continuing serving on the commission.

- **Charter Amendment**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes for the Charter Amendment from the last work session. The proposed changes to the City Charter will allow the city to lease real or personal property.

- **Proclamation Policy & Procedure**

Mayor Ferguson stated there were no changes from the last work session. The City Staff has put together the Proclamation Request Guidelines and Procedures. They are in the Council Packet. He asked the Council to review the procedures and the item will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

- **Proclamation for Mike Crook, River Park (Council Meeting)**

Mayor Ferguson stated there were no changes from the last work session a proclamation honoring Mike Crook for all his work with the River Park will be presented to him at the next Council Meeting.

- **Proclamation for Mike Gaymon, Greater Columbus Chamber Council Meeting**

Mayor Ferguson stated there were no changes from the last work session a Proclamation for Mike Gaymon, who is retiring as Executive Director with Columbus Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gaymon has been Executive Director for over 26 years. The proclamation will be presented at the next Council meeting.

- **Proclamation for Ryver Ewing, Eagle Scout**

Mayor Ferguson stated there were no changes from the last work session a Proclamation for Ryver Ewing for making Eagle Scout. The proclamation will be presented at the next Council meeting.

- **Consider Agenda Items for Council meeting**

Mayor Ferguson stated the agenda items will also be on the next Mayor and Council agenda for consideration.

**Mayor & Council Comments**

There were no other comments.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned