



Summary

Public Safety Committee

Council Member Annette Scippio, Chair
Council Member Regina Hall, Vice Chair
Council Member Vivian V. Joiner
Council Member Scott Andree-Bowen

Monday, June 8, 2026

2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Joines

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams

Council Member Burke

Council Member Clark

Chair Scippio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked the City Clerk to call the roll

Present: 3 - Council Member Annette Scippio, Council Member Vivian V. Joiner, and Council Member Scott Andree-Bowen

Absent: 1 - Council Member Regina Hall

C CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda was made by Council Member Joiner, seconded by Council Member Andree-Bowen. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Scippio, Council Member Joiner, and Council Member Andree-Bowen

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hall

C-1. Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes

G GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Information on Marijuana Custodial Arrests and Citations

The City Attorney, Camille French provided a brief overview of questions and concerns that have been raised regarding the decriminalization of marijuana. The discussion acknowledged that while there has been ongoing public interest and legislative discussion surrounding the issue, marijuana remains illegal under North Carolina law.

The City Attorney emphasized that the Winston-Salem Police Department will continue to enforce the law in accordance with the statutes enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Department's policies and enforcement practices remain guided by applicable state laws and legal standards, and any changes to enforcement would be dependent upon action taken by the General Assembly.

Assistant Chief Swaim provided information regarding marijuana enforcement, including data on custodial arrests versus citations issued for marijuana-related offenses.

G-2. Consideration of a Youth Protection Safety Ordinance

Lieutenant Joel Morissett provided information regarding a Youth Protection Ordinance, including the purpose, parameters, scope and research from Charlotte-Mecklenburg's Ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Joiner, seconded by Council Member Scippio. Committee Recommends Approval. Forwarded to the City Council on 06/15/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Council Member Scippio, and Council Member Joiner

Nay: 1 - Council Member Andree-Bowen

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hall

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further information to come before the Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.