

WINTON-SALEM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

January 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:05 and stated due to the Safer-At-Home-Order, all Committee Members are participating virtually. For virtual meetings, Committee Members will be muted until asked to be heard. When there is a vote, it will be necessary to conduct a roll call vote. A committee Member will be recognized, raise their hand, and state their vote.

Present:

Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair
Council Member John Larson, Vice Chair
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke
Council Member Kevin Mundy

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Pro-Tem Denise Adams
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh
Council Member Annette Scippio

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Taylor stated the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed removed for discussion. No item were removed.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Burke, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Taylor, Council Member Larson, Council Member Burke, and Council Member Mundy

C-1. Resolution Authorizing Permission To Apply For A Twelfth Year Of Grant Funding From The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program For To Support Continued Operation Of The Forsyth County Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Task Force. (Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-2. Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Section 18-21 of the City Code Entitled "Curfew and Other Restrictions Authorized During State of Emergency". (Recommended by Public Safety Committee)

Angela Carmon, City Attorney, provided a report for this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Burke, that the Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Section 18-21 of the City Code Entitled “Curfew and Other Restrictions Authorized During State of Emergency” be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Council Member Taylor, Council Member Larson, Council Member Burke, and Council Member Mundy

G-2. Report from WPR Consulting, LLC on Winston-Salem Fire Department Cultural/Climate Assessment.

Chair Taylor provided the history of this item.

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manger, provided an introduction of this item and introduced Willie Ratchford and Dr. Anthony Wade, WPR Consulting, LLC, to provide the presentation.

Council Members Kevin Mundy and Barbara Burke recommended a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office be implemented in the City.

This item was for information only.

G-3. Information Regarding the Gun Crime Reduction Unit for the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, provided an introduction for this item.

Assistant Chief Weaver, Captain Melly, Lieutenant Wright, and Sergeant Sisk provided the staff report for this item.

Chair Taylor requested a memo with information regarding each individual group/acronym that was discussed.

This item was for information only.

G-4. Triad Abolition Project Presentation.

Brittany Battle, Miranda Jones, Aly Jones, and Nia Sadler provided the presentation for this item. This presentation was based on concerns by the following organizations: Hate Out of Winston-Salem, Triad Abolition Project, NCSPAN, WS Democratic Socialists of America, Drum Majors Alliance, Forsyth County Community Bail Fund, and Forsyth County Court Support.

Scott Tesh, Office of Performance and Accountability Director, discussed Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS).

It was the general consensus of the Committee to bring this item back in February for discussion.

G-5. Alternative Police Response Strategies.

By general consensus of the Committee, this item will was held in Committee until February, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.