



Summary

Public Safety Committee

Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke
Council Member John C. Larson

Monday, March 18, 2019

6:00 PM

Committee Room 239, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Present:

Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke
Council Member John Larson

Others Present:

Council Member Dan Besse
Council Member Annettee Scippio

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and recognized Lee Garrity, City Manager, Angela Carmon, City Attorney, Lori Sykes, Public Safety Attorney, Chief Thompson and staff, August Vernon, Emergency Management Director, and staff, Chief Mayo and staff.

C CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Taylor stated without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. Item C-1 was removed for discussion.

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

Aye: 4 - Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, Council Member Burke and Council Member Larson

C-2. Ordinance Amending Section 42-122(f) of the City Code Relating to 25 Miles per Hour Speed Limits - Shadetree Drive (East Ward).

Approved by Consent Vote.

Ordinance Amending Section 42-177 of the City Code Relating to

C-3.

Nonresidential Parking in Residential Areas - Green Street and Brookstown Avenue.

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-4. Resolution Awarding a Purchase Order for Armor Ballistic Vests - Lawmen's Distribution, LLC - \$146,125.

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-5. Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes - February 11, 2019.

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 42, Article VI Impounding Of Certain Vehicles And Article VII Removal And Disposition Of Junked And Abandoned Vehicles And Vehicles Which Are Health Or Safety Hazards.

Vice Chair MacIntosh pulled this item and requested information from staff regarding what vehicles, specifically RVs, are allowed to be parked on public streets.

Council Member Larson asked how citizens will find their cars after they have been towed.

Al Andrews, Deputy City Attorney, answered that City staff will set guidelines and procedures for how tows will be handled.

A motion was made by Council Member MacIntosh, seconded by Council Member Larson, to approve this Resolution. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, Council Member Burke and Council Member Larson

G GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Section 38-11 of the City Code Regarding the Sale and Use of BB Guns, Pellet Guns, Air Rifles, Bows, Crossbows and Slingshots and Creating Section 38-11.1.

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager, gave the staff report.

Chair Taylor stated without objection, he would allow the citizens two minutes

to speak to the Committee regarding this topic.

Melynda Dunigan, 1875 Mallard Lakes Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 Ms. Dunigan stated she opposes this ordinance and voiced concerns with the distance requirements being from the dwelling, instead of the property line, as well as an issue with crossbows being allowed anywhere in the City limits.

Susan Faust, 2655 Belwick Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 Ms. Faust stated she opposes this ordinance, citing issues with safety, as well as hunters having to track a wounded animal through many private properties.

Chair Taylor invited James Tomberlin, with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, to speak about the Urban Archery Program.

Mr. Tomberlin spoke on the Urban Archery Program, and stated that there have been no communicated safety issues since the program was started in 2011.

Council Members discussed the pros and cons of allowing the Urban Archery program in the City limits, and ultimately decided to table this item.

This item was tabled.

G-2.

Ordinance Establishing Standards for the Operation and Regulation of Micromobility Devices in Public Rights-Of-Way by the Addition of Article XIV to Chapter 78 of the City Code.

Marilena Jensen-Guthold, Assistant City Attorney, gave the staff report.

Council Member Larson requested staff to verify in the Ordinance, helmets were not required and the age limit will be 16 years old.

Council Members discussed the stipulation that rides could not start after 9 pm.

Angela Carmon, City Attorney, stated that the General Assembly is working on deciding if electric scooters are legal on public streets.

A motion was made by Council Member MacIntosh, seconded by Council Member Larson, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, Council Member Burke and Council Member Larson

G-3.

Information Regarding the Police Department's School Resource Officer Program.

Catrina Thompson, Chief of Police, gave the staff report.

Chair Taylor noted that he has spoke with Sheriff Kimbrough, and he stated that it would take some time to transition the SRO program over to the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department, but that it was something they were interested in doing.

Council Member Besse shared his support for the SRO program and the transition to the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department, but wanted to make sure that the schools and the students were adequately taken care of during the transition and by the new officers.

Council Member Larson complimented Chief Thompson on the new police recruit numbers, and added that it makes sense for the County to operate the SRO program, as the school system is a function of the County.

Chair Taylor recognized Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, for her role over the Police Department.

G-4.

Winston-Salem Police Department Gang Unit Presentation.

Sergeant Walley, with the WSPD Gang Unit, gave the staff report.

Council Members discussed information related to gangs in the City of Winston-Salem with Sergeant Walley.

Chair Taylor thanked Sergeant Walley for keeping the community safe.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.