



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, August 11, 2025

2:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Additional Attendees:
Council Member Burke

Chair Scippio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: 4 - Council Member Annette Scippio, Council Member Regina Hall, Council Member Vivian V. Joiner, and Council Member Scott Andree-Bowen

G GENERAL AGENDA

Council Member Scippio noted that while Committee does not have items on the consent agenda, there is a full agenda for the meeting, and asked the City Clerk to introduce Item G-1.

G-1. Resolution Authorizing Grant Acceptance and Agreements for Forsyth County Driving While Impaired (DWI) Task Force with Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, and Kernersville (Public Safety Committee Recommends Approval)

Council Member Scippio asked Chief Penn to share a message with the public regarding ongoing scam activity. Chief Penn provided a report outlining common scam tactics targeting citizens, especially seniors, and emphasized key warning signs and prevention tips, noting that legitimate law enforcement will never request money or personal information over the phone.

The motion was made by Council Member Hall, seconded by Council Member Joiner. Committee Recommends Approval, forwarded to the City Council on 9/2/2025. The motion carried unanimously

- G-2.** Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article I, Section 38-10(i) Entitled "Possession and Discharge of Firearms" of the Code of the City of Winston-Salem to Allow State and/or Federal Wildlife Officers to Discharge Rifles for the Purpose of Eliminating Deer and Wild Turkeys Within the Boundaries of Smith Reynolds Airport until August 19, 2026 (Public Safety Committee Recommends Approval with Amendment)

Council Member Burke spoke on behalf of property owners near the airport runway, confirming their support for a 12-month extension of the wildlife provision in the city code. Council Member Burke requested a substitute motion to amend the ordinance to extend the provision through August 19, 2026. After discussion regarding safety concerns and the convenience of a longer-term extension, the substitute motion to extend the provision until 2026 was seconded and approved by a 3-1 vote. It was noted that no incidents related to wildlife control had been reported since 2019, and that property owners should be involved in any future changes.

A motion to amend the ordinance to extend the provision through August 19, 2026 was made by Council Member Hall, seconded by Council Member Andree-Bowen. Forwarded to the City Council on August 18, 2025 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Scippio

- G-3.** Resolution to Adopt the Northern Piedmont Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (Public Safety Committee Recommends Approval)

August Vernon, director of the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Office of Emergency Management presented the Item.

A motion to recommend approval of Item G-3 was made by Council Member Hall, seconded by Council Member Joiner. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Scippio, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, and Council Member Andree-Bowen

- G-4.** Presentation on Emergency Management

August Vernon, director of the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Office of Emergency Management presented the Item.

Information

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further information to come before the Public Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Joiner, seconded by Council Member Hall. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Scippio, Council Member Hall, Council Member Joiner, and Council Member Andree-Bowen