



Summary

Public Safety Committee

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

Monday, September 10, 2018

6:00 PM

Committee Room 239, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Present:

Chair James Taylor, Council Member Larson, Council Member MacIntosh and Mayor Pro Tempore Burke.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Council Member James Taylor Jr., Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, Vivian H. Burke and John C. Larson

18-0671 Extra Item: Preparedness on Impending Storm

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Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager presented. Stay safe, major storm is coming. Do not wait until Friday night to start getting needed items. There will be a conference for the citizens and staff on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. with information regarding the storm.

Mayor Pro Tempore Burke suggested that we use channel 13 and social media to help provide information to the public.

Council Member Larson asked if the City has resources to provide after the storms. Mr. Lee Garity, City Manager replied we do not budget for storms but rely on reserves. Depending on the storm and the area if the State is declared an Emergency, it will make us eligible for FEMA funds.

Mayor Pro Tempore Burke said to be careful about people taking advantage and offering to help when they just want money. She said to be very cautious.

This item was Information Only.

[18-0672](#) Extra Item: Ruling on Local Officer Involved Shooting of Edward McRae

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The officer involved shooting video of Mr. McCrae was released to the State but not to Winston-Salem. How do we move forward on this matter to have it released publically so we can remain transparent.

Council Members Besse and Larson both mentioned that they were not aware of the meeting announcing that the tape was released.

Chair Taylor was invited, along with the Mayor as the Chair of the Public Safety Commission. He said in the future, he will make sure all Council Members are aware of these types of meetings.

Council Member Besse arrived to the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

This item was Approved by consensus.

18-0673 Extra Item: Update on 9/11 Challenge

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Mayor Pro Tempore Burke thanked the Police Chief for the Public Safety Challenge. Thanked the Marketing and Communication Department, as well as the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School system for providing the ROTC students . They challenged each other through all types of drills.

Mayor Pro Tempore Burke also mentioned that we should all be very proud of our new Miss American who represented New York but is from Winston-Salem, NC.

This item was Information Only.

G GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. [18-0627](#) National Integrated Ballistic Information Network System Update.

Attachments: [GRANICUS CARF- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network System August 2018.doc](#)
[IBIS Public Safety Update.pdf](#)

Police Chief Catrina Thompson introduced Officer Brooke Lane who gave the presentation on National Integrated Ballistic Information Network System. The was a current update.

She presented a powerpoint on ballistics from the Police Department.

Council Member Larson asked if the storage of weapons had been resolved. Chief Thompson said they are following the guidelines provided by the State. The weapons must be maintained or sold. They are stored. In the past, the police department destroyed them.

Council Member Larson asked if there is a local act to destroy the weapons. City Attorney Carmon said there is not a local act but we go by the State guidelines.

Police Attorney Sykes said we cannot destroy weapons. We may be able to look at a way to switch out weapons for other needed items.

This Report was Information Only.

G-2. [18-0650](#) Information on the Citizen Police Complaint and Appeals Process.

Attachments: [Council Information Item - CPRB Appeals \(2\) revised](#)

Mr. Al Andrews, Assistant City Attorney presented a powerpoint to Council regarding the Citizen Police Complaints and Actions Process.

Council Member MacIntosh asked if this will be an online process? Yes He said we would be headed in the front edge of things. If we hire a contractor, would we own the process? Assistant City Attorney Andrews said we could explore or share.

Council Member Larson asked how many portels do we have, chat lines? We will still need some hierarchy on what a citizen complains about. If you don not have a computer or Iphone, you will still have the ones who call directly, call the council or chief.

Mayor Pro Tempore Burke asked if we get a lot of complaints, Assistant City Attorney said we do not have a lot of them. At one time, we did not have anyone to take complaints and police officers did not get along. The Citizen Police Board came out of this, the citizens are on the Board so they hear and make decisions and have a say so. We need to remember that police are people too.

Chair Taylor said the consensus is not to give up a persons way of making complaints.

This Report was Information Only.

G-3. [18-0640](#) Information Regarding Purchasing Cameras and Support.

Attachments: [Information Regarding Camera Expansion and Support September 2018 \(003\).doc](#)

Mr. Tom Kureczka, CFO presented information on cameras being placed in various locations in the city buildings and properties.

Council Member MacIntosh asked about firms who handle this type of work and Mr. Kureczka said there are two firms in this area. His impression was that the streets of Winston-Salem would be covered. How much was allocated for this project (\$62,000). We do need the people to feel safe and tourism is important in this area.

Chief James Taylor said there are plenty of other areas needing cameras.

Tasha Ford, Assistant City Manager said there is some money to purchase cameras. There are some areas needing them due to high crime.

Mayor Pro Tempore Burke asked how long will cameras stay in a location, if you take them away, crime will return.

Council Member Larson said we have two different types of cameras and we do need cameras for high population events. We look forward to seeing a hard proposal for this.

This item was Information Only.

18-0674 Extra Item: Speaker - David Peterman, Director, Off-Road Vehicle Emergency Response Team, Non-Profit Responding as Needed to Emergencies

Title: Extra Item: Speaker - David Peterman, Director, Off-Road Vehicle Emergency Response Team, Non-Profit Responding as Needed to Emergencies

Mr. David Peterman 1001 Clausman Road Winston-Salem, NC, Director of Off Road Vehicle.

He is a volunteer along with 40 others across the state of North Carolina who help people in crisis situations. They work closely with Emergency Management teams. He does not want to take the place of the fire department or police department but they are there to help people. They are Enthusiasts.

Mayor Pro Tempore Burke thanked him for this information and said we can never have too many volunteers.

Mr. Peterman was asked to leave his information with the Assistant City Manager.

Chief Taylor thanked him for all he does and thanked him for coming.

This item was Information Only.

C CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member MacIntosh, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried Unanimously.

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

C-1. [18-0610](#) Consideration of Items Pertaining to the FY2018 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant: [Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees.]

Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and the County of Forsyth, North Carolina to Share a 2018 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Attachments: [2018 JAG CARF](#)
[2018 JAG Resolution](#)
[2018 Justice Assistance Grant - PBO](#)

Unanimously approved by Consent Vote.

C-2. [18-0625](#) Ordinance Amending Section 42-122(f) of the City Code Relating to 25 Miles per Hour Speed Limits - Spring Street and Greeley Street. (South and Southeast Wards). [Recommended by Public Safety Committee.]

- Attachments:** [25mphSpeedlimitsSeptember2018 - CARE](#)
[25mphSpeedlimitsSeptember2018 - Ordinance](#)
[25MPHSpeedLimitSepteber2018 - Attachment A](#)
[25MPHspeedlimitsSeptember2018 - Attachment B](#)

Unanimously approved by Consent Vote.

- C-3.** [18-0661](#) Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes - August 13, 2018.

Attachments: [August 2018 Public Safety Committee Minutes](#)

The Minutes were unanimously Approved by Consent Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

7:32 p.m.