



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, May 14, 2018

6:00 PM

Committee Room Room 239, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chair James Taylor Jr., Vice Chair Jeff MacIntosh and Council Member John Larson

Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order and stated without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. No items were pulled.

Council Member Larson: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Council Member MacIntosh: Second.

Motion carried unanimously.

G GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1.** [18-0361](#) Second Reading of Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of A Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity To Trolley Pub Of North Carolina, LLC For The Operation Of A Trolley Pub In The City Of Winston-Salem. [Recommended by Public Safety Committee.]

Attachments: [CertificateofPublicconvenienceandNecessityTrolleyPubMay2018 - CARF](#)
[CertificateofPublicConvenienceandNecessityTrolleyPubMay2018 - Ordinance Authorizing](#)
[CertificateofPublicConvenienceandNecessityTrolleyPubMay2018 - Route 4](#)

Presentation of this item was given by Assistant City Manager Greg Turner.

Council Member Larson had questions about traffic patterns and also wanted to now if the Police and Fire Departments were aware of this item.

A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Council Member MacIntosh and seconded by Council Member Larson, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

G-2. [18-0307](#) Discussion of the Statutory Provisions Regarding Body Worn Cameras.

Attachments: [INFO-Safe-and-Secure-Community.body_worn_cameras](#)

This Presentation was Information Only.

A presentation was given by Public Safety Attorney, Lori Sykes.

Council Member Larson expressed concern that not releasing video footage would cause a lack of transparency.

City Attorney Angela Carmon noted if a judge has made a decision to hold footage, then there are no promises that an appeal would force the video to be released.

Chair Taylor requested staff provide updates on the statutes.

Council Member Besse spoke of concerns about abuse of discretion when a video is withheld from the public.

Mr. David Villada (1411 Gholsen Street, Winston-Salem, NC), spoke as the voice for the Hispanic Community and as Founder and Director of "Beating Up Bad Habits". Body cameras are being used for protection of the public and police officers. He noted the Hispanic community feels that they do not have rights and something needs to be done with the special force teams who they believe are abusing their power.

Mr. Elfrin Juan Mohammed (4504 Ransom Road), echoed Mr. Villada's concerns, adding that the Winston-Salem Police Department is operating on what is going on in the nation.

Ms. Crystal Blackwell (601 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.), Student Organizer Activist, voiced concerns about video footage that is not released to the public. She stressed the need for true accountability instead of empty actions.

G-3. [18-0308](#) Discussion of the Citizen Police Review Board Process.

Attachments: [INFO-Safe-and-Secure-Community.cprb](#)

Presentation was given by Deputy City Attorney Al Andrews [on the Citizens's Review Board.] He noted citizens can file complaints with the employer's supervisor, the WSPD Professional Standard's Office or the City Secretary's Office in City Hall on the first floor.

In response to Chair Taylor, Mr. Andrews answered that at this time, the City does not have anything in place for citizens to file a complaint on-line.

Chair Taylor requested staff research the feasibility of a web-based complaint process.

Ms. Arletha Patterson (1235 E. 23rd Street) stated some people feel that if they file a complaint against a police officer, there will be some type of retaliation. She asked about attending the Citizens' Police Review Board hearings, how to join, and how the Board is assessed. She also inquired how to get a list of members.

Michael Banner, (515 N. Jackson Avenue Winston-Salem) said he is hesitant to criticize the Police Department. He expressed concern that the Citizen's Police Review Board was made up of "lovers of police".

Council Member Besse asked staff to communicate with SBI and the D.A.'s office the urgency of wrapping up the McCrae investigation.

Council Member Larson had questions about the confiscated weapons in police storage and the cost of keeping them for evidence. City Manager Lee Garity will provide a report to City Council regarding those costs.

This presentation was Information Only.

G-4. [18-0352](#) Successful Outcomes After Release (SOAR) Grantee Agency Update.

Attachments: [SOAR Grantee Agency Update.docx](#)
[SOAR Grantee Agencies.pdf](#)

Budget Director, Patrice Toney, gave the presentation on the SOAR program (Successful Outcomes After Release).

Chair Taylor recognized agency representatives who were present:
Antonio Stevenson with My Brother's Second Chance, David Villada with Beating Up Bad Habits, and
Brittany Ward with Hoops 4L.Y.F.E.

Ms. Brittany Ward, 3931 Harwick Street, Founder and Executive Director of Hoops for Life, indicated the program is growing and funding is needed.

Mr. Antonio Stevenson (315 Hill Lane) with My Brother's Second Chance thanked the City for its assistance.

Mr. David Villada (1411 Gholson Avenue) Founder and Director of Beating Up Bad Habits, thanked Ms. Pam Peoples-Joyner for her assistance. He said he had asked for \$20,000 from the City but only \$5,000 had been allocated. He had some questions about the amount.

Chair Taylor thanked Ms. Pam Peoples-Joyner, Mr. Evan Raleigh, Ms. Faith, Ms. Regina Hall, and Mr. Troy Sneed.

Council Member Larson asked for clarification from Mr. Garity about the finances for SOAR.

This Report was Information Only.

CONSENT AGENDA

C-1. [18-0342](#) Ordinance Amendment to Article XIII of Chapter 78 of the City Code Relating to the Operation of Trolley Pubs. [Recommended by Public Safety Committee.]

Attachments: [Trolley Pub Ordinance Amendment - CARF.doc](#)
[Trolley Pub Ordinance Amendment - ORD.docx](#)

Approved by Consent Vote.

C-2. [18-0282](#) Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes - April 9, 2018.

Attachments: [PS Committee Minutes 04092018.pdf](#)

Approved by Consent Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

7:24 p.m.