

WINTON-SALEM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

August 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. 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. He thanked all the Public Safety Departments.

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 Tempore Denise Adams (joined at 6:04)
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. Council Member Mundy removed item C-5.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Mundy, to approve the balance of 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. Consideration Of Items Pertaining To The 2021 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 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award.

Ordinance Amending The Project Budget Ordinance For The City Of Winston-Salem, North Carolina For The Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-2. Consideration of Items Pertaining to the 2021 BikeSafe Regional Coordinator Grant: (Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees)

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance Of A Grant From The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program For A Second Year Of Funding For A Bikesafe Regional Coordinator Position.

Ordinance Amending The Project Budget Ordinance For The City Of Winston-Salem, North Carolina For The Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-3.** Resolution Authorizing Acceptance Of A Grant From The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program For Twelfth Year Funding Of The Forsyth County Joint DWI Task Force And Authorizing Execution Of An Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Winston-Salem ("City") And The County Of Forsyth ("County") Accepting Said Grant Funding And Execution Of A Mutual Assistance Agreement Between The City, County, And The Town Of Kernersville For Continued Implementation Of The DWI Joint Task Force. (Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-4.** Ordinance Amending Section 42-122(f) of the City Code Relating to 25 Miles per Hour Speed Limits - Plantation Drive, Sedge Hollow Drive, Land Grove Drive, Land Grove Court, and Welford Drive. (East and Northeast Wards) (Recommended by Public Safety Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-6.** Resolution Changing the State Highway Secondary Road System Within the Existing Corporate Limits of the City of Winston-Salem. (North Ward) (Recommended by Public Safety Committee)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-7.** Resolution Approving Sole Source Purchase of a Handheld RAM Spectrometer for Raw Material Identification by the Winston-Salem Fire Department - Red Wave Technology - \$85,000. (Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-8.** Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

- C-5.** Ordinance Amending Section 42-97 of the City Code Relating to Weight Limitations on Thru Traffic on Certain City Streets - Arbor Road. (Northwest Ward) (Recommended by Public Safety Committee)

In response to Council Member Mundy Ms. Toneq' McCullough, Winston-Salem Transportation Director, stated she would provide information regarding the surrounding roads in the area.

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

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

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Update on 911 Calls for Service Data Information.

Meridith Martin, Strategic Initiatives Administrator, provided the history of this item and introduced Dr. Cramer.

Dr. Jake Cramer, Consultant with RTI, provided a presentation regarding understanding alternative responses.

In response to Council Member Mundy, Dr. Cramer stated hiring of clinicians varies in jurisdictions, noting that some are hired from outside entities and some are hired by the Police Department.

Council Member Scippio suggested creating a hybrid model that uses different parts of each model to create a model that works best of our City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Adams thanked everyone for working on this project. She asked for a matrix that details the costs associated with the program for the seven cities in North Carolina that currently have the alternative response model in place.

Information Only.

G-2. Presentation of the Winston-Salem Police Department's Initiatives to Reduce Violence with Firearms. (This item was continued from the June 14, 2021 Public Safety Committee)

Wilson Weaver, Assistant Police Chief, provided the staff report for this item.

Lt. Amy Gauldin provided information regarding the Violent Firearm Investigations Team.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Assist Chief Weaver stated that drones are not used for violent crime reduction but are used to help document crime scenes.

Council Member Mundy reminded everyone that Winston-Salem Police Officers receive mental health training.

Council Member Burke thanked Chief Weaver and the Police Department for all they do and commended them on the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.