

WINSTON-SALEM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Virtual/In Person Meeting
March 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and stated all Committee Members with the exception of Council Member Burke are participating in-person. Under the North Carolina General Statutes, this meeting is treated as a virtual meeting or remote meeting and is being streamed live. When there is a vote, it will be necessary to take a roll call vote. A Committee Member will be recognized and state their vote. He stated the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. Chair Taylor thanked all the Public Safety Departments.

Present:

Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair
Council Member John Larson, Vice Chair
Council Member Kevin Mundy
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke (virtual)

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Pro Tempore Denise D. Adams
Council Member Annette Scippio

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Taylor stated the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any agenda items that needed removed for discussion. No items were removed.

A motion was made by Council Member Mundy, seconded by Council Member Larson, to approve 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. Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement Between the City and Forsyth County to Administer the Cure Violence Program.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-2. Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement Between the City and County to Co-Locate the 911 Call Centers at the Forsyth County Public Safety Center at 301 N. Church Street.

Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Mundy, Ms. Toney stated that there are no plans for the current location once vacated.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Ms. Toney stated City 911 services are not merging with the County.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Ms. Toney explained the current location does not comply with the Category IV of the North Carolina Building Code requirements and this will be a permanent move.

Mr. Lee Garrity, City Manager, stated that the building was grandfather in regarding the code and noted it would now cost \$10 million dollars to upfit the building.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams requested a report on the history of the building including the funds spent thus far on the renovations of the building.

Council Member Larson noted his concern in paying rent for an indefinite time period.

In response to Council Member Burke, Mr. Garrity stated he would provide the information regarding the architect and engineer that helped with the renovations of the building.

In response to Council Member Larson, Angela Carmon, City Attorney, noted that there is a 180-day provision of termination in the contract.

Council Member Larson made a motion to approve this item with an amendment that the lease will be for five years with an option to renew for another five years. Motion failed for lack of second.

A motion was made by Council Member Mundy, seconded by Council Member Burke, that this item be continued to the April 11, 2022, Public Safety Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: Council Member Larson

G-2. Information Regarding the City of Winston-Salem's Recruitment and Retention Efforts.

Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager, provided an introduction for the item.

Dr. Marquis Barnett, Human Resources Director, provided the staff report for this item.

G-3. Information on Winston-Salem Police Department's Retention and Recruitment Strategies.

Patrice Toney, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

In response to Council Member Scippio, Police Chief Thompson, explained the need for new uniforms.

G-4. Information on Winston-Salem Police Department's Pilot Program Deployment of Automated License Plate Readers.

Assistant Chief William Penn, Police, provided the staff report for this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mundy noted the passing of Senator Linda Garrou.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams stated the North Carolina Black Theatre Festival will be in August 2022.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.