

WINTON-SALEM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting
February 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

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
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh
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 to be removed for discussion. No items were removed.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Burke, 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. Ordinance Amending Section 42-154 Of The City Code Relating To Handicap Parking On City Streets - 490 N. Cleveland Avenue. (East Ward)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-2. Resolution Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Department of Homeland Security for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-3. Resolution Seeking Authorization to Apply for a 2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-4. Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. Alternative Police Response Strategies.

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, Scott Tesh, Director of the Office of Performance and Accountability, and Meridith Martin, Strategic Initiatives Administrator, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Scipio requested further information regarding potential savings and how they are calculated.

Council Member Mundy requested information on the length of time it would take to see the potential savings.

Council Member Larson requested information on how the City will collaborate with the County regarding public health issues.

Brian Aagaard, RTI, presented on 911 Calls for Service Project.

Council Member Mundy requested information on plain clothes police officers responding to certain calls.

Selene Johnson, 2350 Queen Street, Board Certified Behavior Therapists, spoke.

Dr. Jillian Neill, 2029 Williamsburg Manor Court, Licensed Psychologist, spoke.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams requested information on emergency calls received, divided into groups based on who is actually needed, i.e. police, fire, or paramedics.

G-2. 2020 Successful Outcomes After Release (SOAR) Program Report.

Johnnie Taylor, Director of Operations, provided the introduction for this item.

Faith Bartlett, Project Supervisor of the SOAR Program, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Mundy requested further information regarding the number of people coming out of prison and the percentage this program is able to help.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams requested staff to look into collaborating with nonprofits.

G-3. Report on the History of the City's Efforts to Obtain Subpoena Power for the City of Winston-Salem Citizen Police Review Board.

Tasha Logan Ford, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Angela Carmon, City Attorney, provided further information.

Mayor Pro Tempore Adams requested the history of why the CPRB was started in the City.

Nia Sadler spoke.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Mundy, that this item be held in committee. The motion carried by the following

vote:

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

Nay: Council Member Burke

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further information to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.