

WINSTON-SALEM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting January 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated due to the pandemic, 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 Kevin Mundy
Council Member Barbara Hanes Burke

Additional Attendees:

Mayor Pro Tem Dense Adams
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. No items were removed.

A motion was made by Council Member Mundy, 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. Resolution Authorizing Permission To Apply For A Thirteenth Year Of Grant Funding From The North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program To Support Continued Operation Of The Forsyth County Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) Task Force.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-2. Ordinance Amending Section 42-122(f) of the City Code Relating to 25 Miles Per Hour Speed Limits - Longview Drive. (Southeast Ward)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-3. Ordinance Amending Section 42-97 of the City Code Relating to Weight Limitations on Thru Traffic on Certain City Streets - Tracy Street. (Northeast Ward)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-4. Ordinance Amending Section 42-168 of the City Code Relating to Curb Loading Zones - 633 North Liberty Street. (East Ward)

Approved by the Consent Vote.

C-5. Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes.

Approved by the Consent Vote.

GENERAL AGENDA**G-1.** Resolution Authorizing a 10-Month Extension for the Driver Restoration Initiative and Vocational Expansion (DRIVE) Program in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

Johnnie Taylor, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report for this item.

Council Member Larson stated his support for this program and requested to hear comments from the Assistant District Attorney's Office.

Elizabeth Dresel, Assistant District Attorney, stated the biggest impact of this program is helping citizens restore their driver's license. She noted the court system has suffered some closures because of COVID as well as personnel issues, which has impeded the number of participants for this program. She stated currently there are 300 applications pending which shows there is an interest in this program.

Macey Wiseman, Legal Assistant, DRIVE Program, stated people are still applying to the program noting that they have received 40 more applications since last week.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Scott Tesh, Budget and Performance Management Director, stated he would check to see if ARPA funds could be used to help fund this program.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams asked that the District Attorney's Office present the Mayor and City Council a report on how the City could help with this program.

Council Member Burke and Council Member Mundy noted their support for this program.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Mundy, that Agenda item G-1 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Taylor requested a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Ms. Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin.

Mayor Pro Tem Adams requested the City lights display purple in her honor.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.