



Minutes

Public Safety Committee

Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke
Council Member John C. Larson

Monday, January 14, 2019

6:00 PM

Committee Room 239, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Present:

Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, Vice Chair
Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian H. Burke
Council Member John Larson

Other Members Present:

Council Member Besse
Council Member Scippio
Council Member Adams

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order, and recognized Chief Thompson and Members of the Police Department, Chief Mayo and Members of the Fire Department, August Vernon, Emergency Management Director, and Members of Emergency Management, and the City Manager, as well as Assistant City Managers.

C CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Taylor stated without objection, that the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any items that needed pulled. There were no items pulled.

A motion was made by Council Member MacIntosh, seconded by Council Member Larson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, Council Member Burke and Council Member Larson

- C-1.** [19-0035](#) Consideration of Items Pertaining to the Acceptance of a Grant Award from the Walmart Foundation: (\$5,000) [Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees].

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant Award from the Walmart Foundation.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-2.** [19-0064](#) Consideration of Items Relating to the 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Division: (\$12,159) [Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees].

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a 2018 Homeland Security Grant Program Award Through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Division.

Ordinance Amending the Project Budget Ordinance for the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-3.** [19-0036](#) Resolution Authorizing Permission to Apply for a Tenth 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. (Recommended by Finance and Public Safety Committees).

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-4.** [19-0044](#) Ordinance Amending Section 42-123(c) of the City Code Relating to 45 Miles Per Hour Speed Limits on the State Highway System (North Ward). [Recommended by Public Safety Committee].

Approved by Consent Vote.

- C-5.** [18-0842](#) Approval of Public Safety Committee Summary of Minutes - November 19, 2018.

Approved by Consent Vote.

G GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1.** [19-0042](#) Ordinance Amending Chapter 38, Article I., Section 38-10 (F) of the Winston-Salem City Code to Allow Retired Winston-Salem Police Officers to Utilize the Firing Range for Concealed Carry Training and/or Qualification Under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004. (Recommended by Public Safety Committee).

Wilson Weaver, Assistant Chief of the Winston-Salem Police Department, gave the staff report for this item.

A motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Burke, that this Ordinance be Approved. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Taylor, Council Member MacIntosh, Council Member Burke and Council Member Larson

- G-2.** [19-0048](#) Ordinance to Regulate the Use of Electric Scooters and Manage Shared Mobility System Operators in the City of Winston-Salem.

Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager, gave a brief overview of this item.

Marilena Jensen-Guthold, Assistant City Attorney, presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued between Committee Members concerning the different aspects of the draft Ordinance.

Chair Taylor recommends lowering the age of operation for the scooters to 15 or 16.

Council Member Larson stated in regards to the section referring to the abandonment of the scooters, he would like it reduced to 48 or 24 hours and include bicycles. He noted concerns about the visibility of the scooters at night and would like to see some stipulations regarding day time or dawn to dusk use only. He concurred with Chair Taylor in lowering the age requirement to 15 or 16.

Council Member Adams requested information on the age requirement that other cities have implemented and asked if there would be requirements that operators have training for free or a minimal fee. She also suggested that when the company wishes to increase the amount of scooters, they would come back to Council for approval.

Council Member Scippio requested that citizens be allowed to participate on the committee.

This Ordinance was Continued to the Public Safety Committee, due back on 2/11/2019

G-3. [18-0850](#) Presentation on the City's Nuisance Abatement Process.

Lori Sykes, Public Safety Attorney gave a presentation on this item.

Information only.

G-4. [19-0063](#) Information on Urban Hunting Opportunities.

Mr. Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manger, gave the staff report on this item.

Chair Taylor suggested to limit the acreage and prohibit hunting in downtown.

Council Member Besse requested to prohibit hunting for adjoining properties of the parks.

Council Member Adams requested to increase the acreage to more than 3 acres to ensure protection in the urban areas.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.