## **City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** May 15, 2018

**To:** The City Manager

From: Meridith J. Martin, Assistant to the City Manager

## **Council Action Requested:**

Consideration of a Resolution Naming the Public Safety Center in Honor of Mayor Pro Tempore and Council Member of the Northeast Ward, Vivian H. Burke.

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

**Strategic Objective:** No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



## **Summary of Information:**

City Council has sole authority for naming City-owned facilities in whole or in part. All requests for naming City-owned facilities or a portion of a facility must be submitted to the City Council by the Mayor or a member of the City Council. The placement of displays commemorating or honoring public officials, past or present, is also determined solely by City Council. As a matter of policy, which was revised in September 2010, the City Council has not considered requests to name City-owned facilities for public officials and staff currently serving in a federal, state, or local office, provided however that said policy does not apply to an elected official who has or more consecutive years in the same The Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee is responsible for commemorating or honoring public officials, past or present. In the past, the City has named facilities such as Alexander R. Beaty Public Safety Training and Support Center, Merschel Plaza, and most recently, Nelson L. Malloy, Jr. Park.

Dr. Vivian H. Burke has served as a member of the Winston-Salem City Council since 1977. Dr. Burke has served admirably in her more than 40 years of service on City Council and focused on community and civil rights, equality for all, youth education, and public safety. Throughout

Committee Action:			
Committee	CD/H/GG 5/15/18	Action	Approval
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Remarks:			

her tenure, Dr. Burke has served as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee for more than 35 years. Mayor Allen Joines has proposed, in recognition of her dedication and many years of service, particularly her role as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, that the City Council name the Public Safety Center as the Vivian H. Burke Public Safety Center.

If approved, the attached resolution will authorize the naming of the Public Safety Center after Vivian H. Burke. Staff will coordinate placement of the name on the building in an appropriate manner and incorporate the name of the facility on the dedicatory plaque for placement on the building during a recognition ceremony.