

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6:18 p.m., Monday, August 8, 2016

#### COMMITTEE ROOM

Room 239, City Hall

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*MEMBERS PRESENT:* Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair  
Council Member Vivian H. Burke, Vice Chair (out at 7:10 p.m.)  
Council Member Molly Leight  
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh

*OTHERS PRESENT:* Council Member Denise D. Adams  
Council Member Dan Besse  
Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery  
Mayor Allen Joines

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order and recognized the Director of Emergency Management, Mr. Mel Sadler; Chief of Police, Mr. Barry Rountree; and Fire Chief, Mr. Trey Mayo, along with City staff and other Committee Members in attendance.

Chair Taylor stated that, without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. Council Member Leight made a motion to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member MacIntosh and carried unanimously.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-122(f) OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO 25 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMITS (SOUTH, WEST and SOUTHEAST WARDS) – *Holland Street; Tipperary Lane; Mount Hope Drive; Larck Crest Lane; Neighborhood Limits: Ridgewood Place Drive, Ridgeback Drive North of Ridgewood Place Drive, Ridgeback Drive South of Ridgewood Place Drive, Misty Ridge Drive, Ridge Hollow Drive, and Talladega Court.*
- C-2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PERTAINING TO THE 2016 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT:
- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, AND FORSYTH COUNTY, TO SHARE A 2016 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AWARD.

- b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.
- C-3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE 2016 GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING:
- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM FOR SEVENTH YEAR FUNDING OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY JOINT DWI TASK FORCE AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, FORSYTH COUNTY, AND THE TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE, TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING AND EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAME PARTIES FOR CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DWI JOINT TASK FORCE.
  - b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.
  - c. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.
- C-4. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *June 13, 2016.*

#### GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1. RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTER CLIFF JONES FOR HEROIC ACTS ON JUNE 26, 2016.

Chief Trey Mayo, Winston-Salem Fire Department, presented a Certificate of Commendation to Firefighter Clifton Jones of the Fire staff for saving the life of a 12-year old.

- G-2. RECOGNITION OF WINSTON-SALEM FIRE STATIONS FOR SAFETY AWARDS.

Mr. Nick Webster, Risk Management Department, gave a brief presentation on this item and thanked the Fire staff for their hard work, protecting citizens from accidents.

Mr. Tad Byrum, Assistant Chief of Safety and Training, recognized the various fire stations for receiving the Multi-Year Gold Awards from the North Carolina Department of Labor Items Related to Safety. He stated 17 of 19 stations were awarded, with 13 gold and four silver plaques. The 17 out of 19 stations won safety awards on reportable injuries based on DART (Days Away Restricted Transferred). Station #20 North Ward won its fifth consecutive year plaque. Station #6 (Ardmore Community) won its seventh consecutive year plaque, and Station #19 (Southeast Ward) won its eighth consecutive year plaque.

**G-3. RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANTS FROM SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES AFTER RELEASE (SOAR) CONTINGENCY FUNDING.**

Mr. Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager, gave a staff report on this item and introduced the seven organizations that provide support at-risk populations. They are Silver Lining Youth Services, My Brother's Second Chance, Southside Rides, How Is Your Heart Project, YWCA-Hawley House, Josh Howard Foundation, and the Hoops 4L.Y.F.E.

Ms. Kristin O'Leary, YWCA Hawley House, 941 West Street, gave a brief presentation on behalf of this organization. She stated this is an organization for at-risk and recently incarcerated women.

Ms. Brittany Ward, founder of Hoops 4L.Y.F.E, 3981 Harwood Street, gave a brief presentation. She stated this is an organization that helps youth and parents to excel and become greater assets for the community. The youth learn leadership skills in through playing basketball at the summer program.

Mr. David Moore, founder of Southside Rides, 2221 Hope Street, gave a brief presentation on behalf of this organization. He stated this program is specifically designed to train men in the automotive field.

Mr. Antonio Stevenson, founder of My Brother's Second Chance, gave a brief presentation on behalf of this organization. He stated this mentoring program is for the youth that get involved in gang- related activities.

Mr. David Villada, founder of Get to Know Your Heart Project, 2505 Old Lexington Road, gave a brief presentation on behalf of this organization. He stated they help at-risk youth off the streets, put them in safe locations, where they are trained in the sport of boxing.

Mr. Monte' Edwards, the Josh Howard Foundation, gave a brief presentation on behalf of this organization. He stated this organization teaches ex-offenders how to become more productive citizens. This foundation helps the youth to learn how to obtain employment.

Council Member Leight made a motion to approve this item. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Burke and carried unanimously.

G-4. WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY POLICING.

Mr. Barry Rountree, Chief of the Winston-Salem Police Department, gave the staff presentation on this item. He noted WSPD is recruiting based on strict guidelines and does not want to lower its standards.

In response to Council Member Besse, Chief Rountree stated the information provided in Pillar Two, referencing changes in procedures to eliminate presenter bias and influence, explains that in a photographic line-up the presenter cannot be influenced to help the individual point out a suspect.

Council Member Besse requested the Police Department provide information to the Committee about their warrant policies for releasing body camera footage.

In response to Council Member Besse, Chief Rountree reported the decline in recruiting started with the present class. In the last eight months, only 21 officers were recruited. The scrutiny and the latest events have had an impact on the number of individuals applying for the public safety positions.

Council Member Adams challenged the Police Department staff to come up with solutions as to a new strategy for recruiting police officers.

G-5. RESTRICTION OF ANIMAL ACTS IN THE CITY.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to bring this item back to its September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 p.m.