

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6:11 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2017

COMMITTEE ROOM

Room 239, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair*
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh, Vice Chair
Council Member Vivian H. Burke
Council Member John C. Larson

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order and recognized the City Attorney, City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management.

Chair Taylor stated without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked for Item C-3 to be removed. No other items were pulled.

Council Member MacIntosh made a motion to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Larson and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 78 OF THE CITY CODE CONCERNING THE VEHICLE AND RECORD INSPECTION FEES.

- C-2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR CONTINUED GRANT FUNDING FOR THE FORSYTH COUNTY DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED (DWI) TASK FORCE.

- C-4. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *December 12, 2016.*

- C-3. CIRCUS ANIMALS SURVEY INFORMATION.

Mr. Gregory Turner, Assistant City Attorney, introduced this item and noted that a majority of citizens in a city commissioned survey were against a ban of circus animals.

Council Member Larson requested information concerning what the responsibilities are from the City's perspective, in regards to how the animals in the circus are treated, and what precautions the City takes to ensure the safety of wild animals in circuses.

Council Member MacIntosh stated this issue has not historically been a concern of the citizens of Winston-Salem, and noted, he received two emails concerning the matter – one in support and one against. He suggests the Committee to follow the results of the survey.

Chair Taylor stated the Committee has worked within reason to consider the community's view on this item. The Committee concluded this issue was worth evaluating and the survey was conducted.

Council Member Burke pointed out that the very few citizens complaining about the circus animals were from Winston-Salem. She suggests the City get more results from the Winston-Salem citizens if there is an issue to evaluate.

Mrs. Martha Cecil, 2026 Creekwood Avenue, Greensboro, gave remarks in support of banning circus animals.

Chair Taylor indicated no action need be taken on this item and it will be held in Committee

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REGARDING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS:

- a. WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN.
- b. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO APPLY FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2016 PROGRAM TO PREPARE COMMUNITIES FOR COMPLEX COORDINATED TERRORIST ATTACKS DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT.

Mr. Mel Saddler, Emergency Operations Management Director, gave a staff report on this item, and including a request for the Committee to approve a grant application.

In response to Chair Taylor, Mr. Saddler stated in the case of a natural disaster, housing and shelter is provided for animals. The program states that citizens can be with their pets.

In response to Council Member Burke, Mr. Saddler stated on behalf of Emergency Management services, the City is prepared for any natural catastrophe.

In response to Council Member Larson, Mr. Saddler stated Emergency Management tests for natural disasters with scenario exercises, which are tabled or field exercises.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Mr. Saddler stated the grant proposal was published in December 2016, and noted a grant writer is needed.

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

- G-2. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES APPROVING REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR TWO LIMOUSINES COMPANIES AND ONE TAXI COMPANY IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM. *[Item continued from the December Public Safety Committee meeting.]*
- a. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO HELPING HANDS PROFESSIONAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF ONE LIMOUSINE IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.
 - b. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO NATIONWIDE LIMOUSINE SERVICE FOR THE OPERATION OF ONE LIMOUSINE IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.
 - c. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO AAA CAB COMPANY FOR THE OPERATION OF FOURTEEN TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

Mr. Gregory Turner, Assistant City Manager, gave the staff report on this item.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Mrs. Angela Carmon, City Attorney, stated the North Carolina statutes determine what the City is required to do in approving these certificates.

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

- G-3. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF THREE TAXICABS AND THREE LIMOUSINES SERVICES IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM. *[Item continued from the December Public Safety Committee meeting.]*
- a. ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF FIVE STAR TAXI OF WINSTON-SALEM, LLC FOR THE OPERATION OF THREE TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.
 - b. ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF LA RAZA TAXI FOR THE OPERATION OF FIVE TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.
 - c. ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF LOTT'S TAXI FOR THE OPERATION OF TWENTY TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

- d. ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF WILLARD'S CAB COMPANY, INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF FIFTY TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.
- e. ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF AIRPORT LIMO FOR THE OPERATION OF TWO LIMOUSINES IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.
- f. ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF BLACK TIE TRANSPORTATION, INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF SEVENTEEN LIMOUSINES IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.
- g. ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF SERVICE WITH A SMILE TRANSPORTATION, LLC FOR THE OPERATION OF ONE LIMOUSINE IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.
- h. ORDINANCE RENEWING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF READY LIMOUSINE SERVICES FOR THE OPERATION OF FOUR LIMOUSINES IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

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

G-4. ORDINANCES RENEWING AND TRANSFERRING THE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF ONE HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

Mr. Turner gave the staff report on this item.

In response to Council Member Larson, Mr. Turner stated he did not know why the Carriage Company was reducing their number of certificates.

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

Council Member Larson requested information concerning the recent legislation out of Raleigh authorizing the creation of needle exchange centers and municipalities. He stated, they seem to have defined a method of licensing or permitting the center's filing and requirements of regular reporting. What seems to be missing is the guidance of placement and proximity of these operations to other operations. He asked is there a function that falls within the jurisdiction of the Council to regulate where these needle exchange programs are placed in Winston-Salem.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Chief Barry Rountree, Police Department, provided an update on some awards the department received. The Police Department has been selected as one of the twelve agencies across the United States that was featured on the Department of Justice website.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:56 p.m.