

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6:31 p.m., Monday, September 12, 2016

COMMITTEE ROOM

Room 239, City Hall

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Molly Leight

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery

Chair Taylor called the meeting to order and stated that without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be removed for discussion. No items were removed.

Council Member MacIntosh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Burke 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 (NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST WARDS) – *Neston Drive and Springdale Avenue.*
- C-2. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-123(A) OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO 55 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMITS (SOUTH WARD) – *Ebert Road.*
- C-3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A TRANSFER OF FORENSIC SERVICES EQUIPMENT FROM THE FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT.
- C-4. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES - *August 8, 2016.*

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. RESTRICTION OF ANIMAL ACTS IN THE CITY. *[Continued from the August 8, 2016, meeting.]*

Mr. Gregory Turner, Assistant City Manager gave a brief staff presentation on this item.

Ms. Martha Cecil, 2026 Creekwood Drive, Greensboro, NC gave a presentation on this item and stated that she has a signed petition of at least 500 signatures in support of this item.

In response to Council Member MacIntosh, Mr. Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager stated the City has one or two circuses a year to perform at the Annex and to his knowledge he is not certain at which animals are in the entertainment acts. The Dixie Classic Fair does have some entertainers that have animals in their acts.

Council Member MacIntosh requested more information on the use of wild animals in these entertainment acts.

Chair Taylor mentioned that this proposal is particularly discussing the use of wild animals in circuses traveling through the city and not referencing to the Dixie Classic Fair.

In response to Council Member Burke, Mr. Rowe stated the City has not had any injuries relating to the wild animals in the circuses.

In response to Council Member Burke, Ms. Cecil stated there are at least two residents of Winston-Salem that are in support of this proposal.

Council Member MacIntosh requested this item be held in committee for further discussion in October.

G-2. PRESENTATION RECOGNIZING THE WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENTS' GANG UNIT FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE NORTH CAROLINA GANG UNIT OF THE YEAR.

Chief Barry Rountree, Chief of Police gave a brief presentation and recognized the participants of this award. Among the awarded were: Sergeant Daws, Corporal Batches, Corporal Duplay, Corporal Wooten, Officer Allen, Officer Montgomery, Officer Phillips, Officer Shirleff and Officer Singletary.

Council Member Burke requested a report be given in the future about how the schools respond to the gang unit officers being in their schools, what questions they may have, how many schools they visit and what is the impact that is being made on the lives of the children in these schools.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Captain Michael D. Weaver, WSPD stated there is one bilingual officer on the gang unit squad.

Chief Rountree recognized Captain Michael D. Weaver as the new Captain of District II Commander.

ADJOURNMENT 6:59 p.m.