

AGENDA

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6:00 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2016

COMMITTEE ROOM

Room 239, City Hall

*COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Council Member James Taylor, Jr., Chair
Council Member Vivian H. Burke, Vice Chair
Council Member Molly Leight
Council Member Jeff MacIntosh*

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1. RECOGNITION OF THE WINSTON-SALEM FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE AND RESCUE TEAM.
- G-2. WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GANG UNIT AND GANG STEERING COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES
- G-3. RESTRICTION OF ANIMAL ACTS IN CIRCUSES WITHIN THE CITY. *[Item continued from the August and September meetings of the Public Safety Committee.]*

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-122(F) OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO 25 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMITS (SOUTHEAST WARD) - *Hickory Creek Road and Hickory Creek Court* .

- C-2. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES - *September 12, 2016*.

Memorandum



TO: Lee Garrity, City Manager
FROM: William L. Mayo, Fire Chief
DATE: October 4, 2016
SUBJECT: Recognition of the Winston-Salem Firefighter Combat Challenge Team and Technical Rescue Team

**Fire Department
Administration**

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The Winston-Salem Fire Department will recognize members of the Winston-Salem Fire Department Firefighter Combat Challenge Team for participating in the Southeast Regional Firefighter Combat Challenge held August 26-28, 2016, in Louisville, Kentucky. The Over-40 team finished first in the Relay and fourth in the Open Relay. The Over-50 team finished second in the Relay. All teams, including the Over-50, Over-40, and the younger team, qualified to compete in the World Championships, which will be held in Montgomery, AL in October.

The Winston-Salem Fire Department will recognize members of the Winston-Salem Fire Department Technical Rescue Team for participating in the North Carolina Technical Rescue Competition held in Hickory, NC, September 7-10, 2016. This competition took place at the North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS 60th Convention/Annual Meeting. The team finished first for the second year in a row. They nearly completed a rescue evolution intentionally designed, so that it could not be completed during the competition. In the two-person Helms Rescue Challenge, team members placed second and sixth.

Members will also be commended for positively representing the City and the Winston-Salem Fire Department.

Memorandum



Winston-Salem

**Winston-Salem
Police Department**

Barry D. Rountree, MPA
Chief of Police

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Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.*

TO: Mayor Allen Joines and Members of the City Council
FROM: Barry D. Rountree, Chief of Police
DATE: September 27, 2016
SUBJECT: Gang Unit and Gang Steering Committee's Activities
CC:

The Winston-Salem Police Department will brief the Public Safety Committee on the Winston-Salem Police Department's Gang Unit and the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Gang Steering Committee's activities involving the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools and the community.

This briefing and overview are being provided to keep city council members and the public informed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments before the Public Safety Committee Meeting. Please contact me at 773-7760 or brtree@wspd.org.

Regards,

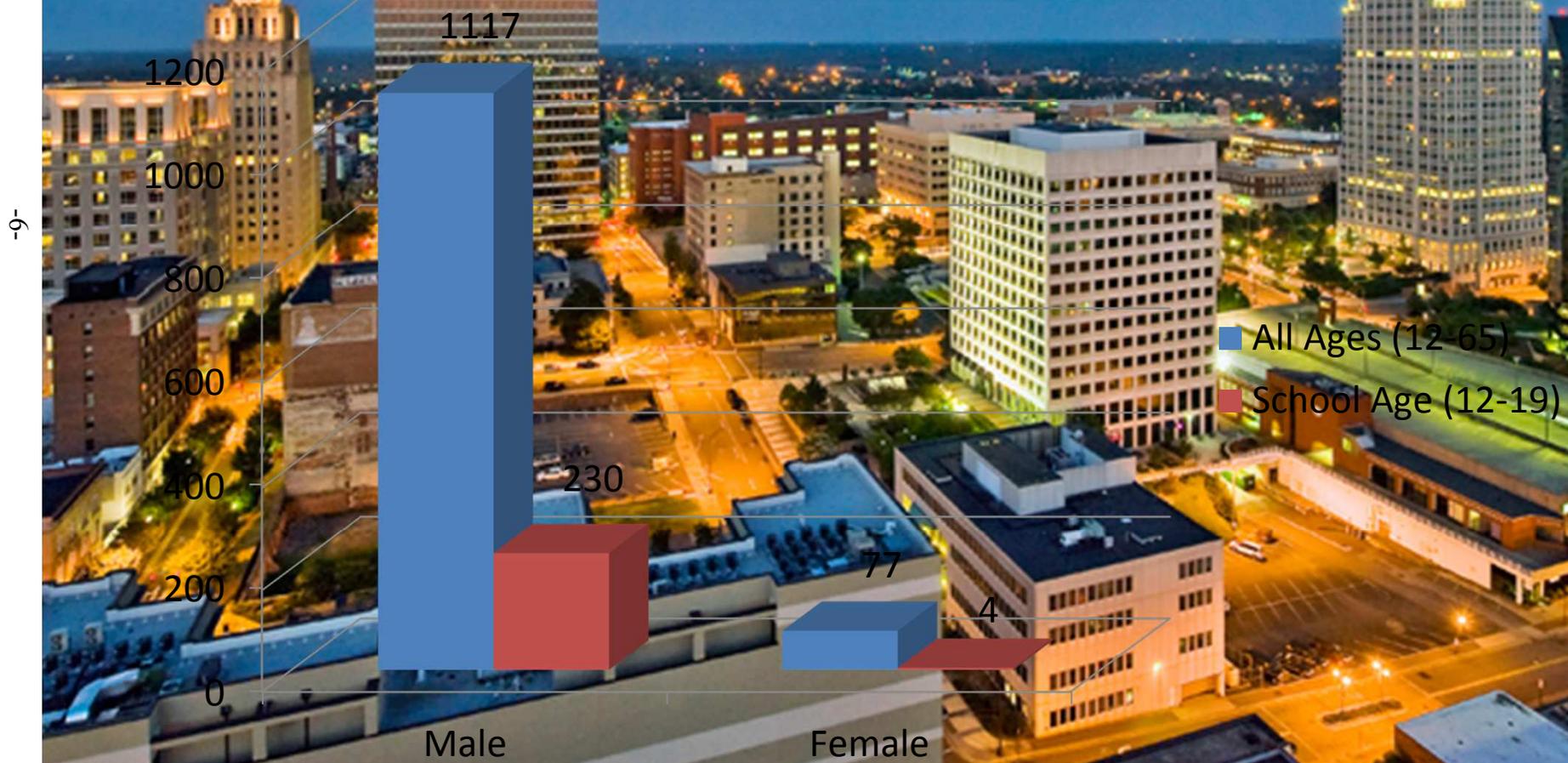
Barry D. Rountree
Chief of Police

Winston-Salem Police Department Gang Unit



Partnering with the Winston-
Salem/Forsyth County School System

Gang Members in Winston-Salem? 2016 Demographics



School Resource Officers (SRO's)

A Valuable Resource for Outreach

- SRO's are assigned to each Middle and High School within the city
- SRO's report concerns regarding gang activity to their assigned Gang Unit Officer
 - Builds a close relationship with the schools
 - A sense of ownership
- An information gap is bridged between the students and the Gang Unit

Gang Awareness Training

Education for the Schools and Community

- Available to...
 - Faculty/Staff
 - Parents/Guardians of Students
 - Community Organizations
 - Neighborhood Watch Groups
 - + Religious Organizations
- Currently working with WS/FCS Security Director to provide training to all Assistant Principals
- **The Gang Unit has Provided over 20 of these training sessions throughout the past year**

Impacting the Lives of Students

- Super Kids Program
 - Gang Prevention education to all 5th grade students enrolled in WS/FCS system through the Winston-Salem Police Department
 - Educates students about negative impacts of joining or associating with a gang
 - Focuses on making positive life choices, and providing resources for a successful educational career

Response from the Schools

A Positive Step Forward

- Positive working relationships between the Police Department and Schools
- Impacting students through school functions
 - Christmas Program at Kennedy Learning Center
 - School Car Wash Fundraisers
 - Sporting Events
- Officers are easily approached by students and faculty
- Open lines of communication for questions and answers



In Conclusion....

The Winston-Salem Police Department Gang Unit works closely with the WS/FCS system to create a safe, gang-free, learning environment.



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Gang Unit

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Winston-Salem Forsyth County Gang Steering Committee

The goal of the gang steering committee is to provide a multi-faceted, strategic problem solving approach to address the gang related issues facing the community.

Partnerships

- Durham County Gang Reduction Committee
- June 15, 2016-Gang Steering Committee Liaison presented at the Executive Board Meeting.
- July 20, 2016-Gang Steering Committee Liaison presented at the Durham Housing Authority Meeting.
- August 17, 2016-Jim Stuit (Durham gang reduction manager) presented state data at the gang steering committee meeting.

Mental Health Training

- Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification Training-March 4, 2016
- 13 gang steering committee members received youth mental health certificates.
- Adult Mental Health First Aid Certification Training-March 2017.

Youth A

- Gang Steering committee assisted WSPD with a youth by coordinating counseling services for him and his mom. Committee members were hands on and met with the family and DSS to assess the needs of the entire family. The gang steering was instrumental in providing after care services for the youth and the family.





Gang Steering Committee Executive Committee

- Chairman-Marcellette Orange
- Co-Chairman-Jayson Sloan
- Co-Chairman-Jemi Sneed
- Co-Chairman-Pastor Curtis Friday
- Committee Liaison-Pam Peoples-Joyner

Memorandum



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TO: Lee D. Garrity, City Manager
FROM: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager
DATE: October 10, 2016
SUBJECT: Circus Animals

At the September Public Safety Committee Meeting there was a request for additional information on the use of wild animals in City hosted entertainment venues. The following table shows those animal acts that the City has had at the fair since 2013.

2013

- Racing Pigs
- Morris Elephant Encounter
- Custom Stock Dogs
- Rolling Hills Percherons (Horses)
- Petting Farm

2014

- Racing Pigs
- Equestrian Show
- The Wolf Pack
- Custom Stock Dogs
- Rolling Hills Percherons (Horses)
- Petting Farm

2015

- Racing Pigs
- Marvelous Mutts
- Custom Stock Dogs
- Rolling Hills Percherons (Horses)
- Petting Farm

2016 booked

- Racing Pigs
- Marvelous Mutts
- Custom Stock Dogs
- Rolling Hills Percherons (Horses)
- Petting Farm

Strates Shows

Has a small circus on the midway



Call 311 or 336-727-8000
citylink@cityofws.org

The proponents of the wild animals acts at circuses submitted a petition signed by approximately 360 individuals that said:

“We the undersigned oppose the use of wild and exotic animals in circuses, and we ask the Winston-Salem City Council to consider passing an ordinance to protect animals and people by banning such acts.”

The proponents also provided copies of petitions that had been prepared for the Greensboro City Council. These has been signed by approximately 820 individuals.

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TO: Lee D. Garrity, City Manager
FROM: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager
DATE: July 27, 2016
SUBJECT: Restriction of Animal Acts in the City
CC:

At the May 16, 2016 meeting of the City Council, two of the speakers during the public comment period expressed their desire that the City consider a ban on wild animals performing in circus acts. They talked about some problems they found with how the animals were treated and they indicated safety problems where some circus animals had attacked members of the public in other communities.

Research by City staff indicates counties are the governmental unit that typically deals with animal management issues; however, Asheville, NC has passed an ordinance banning wild animals in circuses in their city. Asheville initially had banned wild animals in circuses that operated in their city-owned arena. In order to avoid a conflict between the rules for city owned and non city-owned facilities, an ordinance was adopted regulating all circuses in the city regardless of venue ownership. Asheville's attorneys did conclude that the city had the statutory authority to pass such an ordinance.

Research into news websites did indicate there have been some instances of circus animals attacking their trainers and/or members of the general public. There were not a great number of these incidents in the United States; however, several countries and states have restricted or banned wild animals in circuses. These include Austria, Croatia, Greece, Mexico and Israel. Many cities in other states also ban wild animals in circuses, but the only North Carolina city to do so thus far is Asheville.

The City of Winston-Salem has several options in considering how to deal with the request from the public comment speakers.

1. The City could implement a citywide ban on **all** animal acts in circuses with exemptions for nature center exhibits.
2. The City could implement a ban on the use of **wild** animals in circuses.
3. The City could adopt rules for the handling and management of animals in circuses while in the city.
4. The City could leave in place the existing City ordinance and allow the County Animal Control and State animal cruelty statutes to address the issues raised.

Staff has no recommendation for the City Council and is bringing forward the above summary of information for possible discussion by one of the Council Committees.

August 15, 2016

TO: Winston-Salem Mayor and council members
 RE: Public Safety - SPEAK OUT FOR CIRCUS ANIMALS

I watched the video of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of 8/1/16 and respectfully request that you take a few minutes for my comments.

Mr. Taylor, it was very nice meeting and talking the first time I was there. You presented our issues to your Public Safety Committee and I'm adding my comments in read.

First "expressing desire that the city consider a ban on wild animals performing in circus acts in Winston-Salem":

Here are things James read, (my numbering and quotes):

1. "They talked about some problems they found with how animals are treated and the indicated safety problems where some circus animals had attacked members of the public in other communities".

Wild animals are not on earth for our entertainment. We plead to everybody we talk to for human compassion for those with no choice and no voice, that wild animals living their entire lives in captivity whether in circuses or traveling zoos is cruel, is archaic and barbaric. In circuses elephants live their entire life chained by 1 or sometimes 2 legs; and lions, tigers and panthers live 1 or 2 to a cage with barely enough room to turn around; all having learned through torture to perform out of fear of pain.

2. That "Research by city staff indicates counties are the governmental unit that typically deals with animal management issues, however Asheville, NC has passed an ordinance banning wild animals in circuses in their city. They initially had "banned wild animals in circuses that operated in their city owned arena. In order to avoid a conflict between the rules for city owned and non-city owned facilities, and adopted regulating all circuses in the city regardless of venue ownership. Asheville's attorneys did conclude that the city had the statutory authority to pass such an ordinance".

We are so proud of *Asheville*, the most recent "the municipal venue that hosts circuses can no longer book any promoters who have wild or exotic performing animals", along with Chapel Hill and Orange County in North Carolina. We are trying to make an impression on Winston-Salem and all cities the importance of setting another progressive example by adding our entire fine state of North Carolina.

3. Research into news websites did indicate there have been some instances of circus animals attacking their trainers and/or members of the general public. There were not a great number of these incidents in the United States; however, several countries and states have restricted or banned wild animals in circuses. These include Austria, Croatia, Greece, Mexico and Israel. Many cities in other states also ban wild animals in circuses, but the only North Carolina city to do so thus far is Asheville.

Here are only two examples of rampages and deaths in the US. Please watch this video about Tyke that occurred in Hawaii. *It only takes once* for deaths to citizens in circuses, and death of the captive elephant who was only trying to be free (I think we would too if we were him/her) before he was shot over 85 times during rampage in the streets.

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKewjTpKyJ98POAhXFqB4KHRbkCN4QtwIiKDAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DNLORLV3bziw&usq=AFQjCNGPLDFhiR2u5PneH0SME334XVxCKw&sig2=O2RSk1VvUvW8gRewwbNkLg>

Palm Bay, Florida <http://www.discovery.com/TV/shows/discovery-presents/wild-circus-elephant-arena>

There is a growing list of city and county restrictions and bans governing circuses and traveling shows in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Ketchum Idaho (achieved by a group of middle school children and their mentor!), Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.

Around the world:

- **Nationwide ban on all animals** in circuses: Cyprus, Greece, Malta, and Bolivia
- **Nationwide ban on the use of wild animals** in circuses: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Singapore, Israel and Mexico
- **Nationwide ban on the use of most wild animals** in circuses: Belgium, Bulgaria, and The Netherlands
- **Nationwide ban on the use of certain species** in circuses: Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Portugal, Sweden, and India
- **Nationwide ban on the use of native wild animals** in circuses: Ecuador
- **Nationwide ban on the use of wild-born animals** in circuses: Estonia, Hungary, and Poland
- **Local bans on the use of animals** in circuses: Ireland, Norway, Spain, UK, USA, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Australia

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Our goal is to ban the use of all wild and exotic animals in circuses everywhere.

PS. Some circuses still allow children to ride on the back of elephants; but remember each and every single time elephants give rides, there is always that possibility of them going on a rampage inside and/or outside of the arena. It does happen, and *it only takes once* to put all of the public in danger. There are also a lot of incidents including the US where handlers and trainers have been mauled or killed by lion and tiger attacks while performing.

Sincerely,  ⁻²⁶⁻ Coe

Link to play at W.S. City Council Meeting on 8/15/16

Regarding Public Safety.

Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words.

Despite these violent incidents and a rampage in Missouri, Utah, Hawaii, and others, circus elephants continue to perform and/or give rides to children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9xNi-1LdUo>

Hawaii link. *please watch.*

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=f&rcf=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwjTpKyJ98POAhXFqB4KHRbkCN4QtwIKDAB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DNLORLV3bziw&usq=AFQjCNGPLDFhiR2u5PneH0SME334XVxCKw&sig2=O2RSk1VvUvW8gRewwbNkLg>

City Council – Action Request Form	
Date:	October 10, 2016
To:	The City Manager
From:	Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager
Council Action Requested:	
Approval of an Ordinance Amending Section 42-122(f) of the City Code relating to 25 miles per hour speed limits (Southeast Ward).	
Summary of Information:	
<p>The Department of Transportation has received a request to lower the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour on Hickory Creek Road and Hickory Creek Court (Attachment A).</p> <p>The Department of Transportation has conducted the necessary field investigations and traffic engineering studies of the roadways and is recommending the speed limit be reduced to 25 miles per hour.</p>	
Committee Action:	
Committee	Action
For	Against
Remarks:	

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-122(f) OF THE CITY CODE
RELATING TO 25 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMITS ON CITY STREETS**

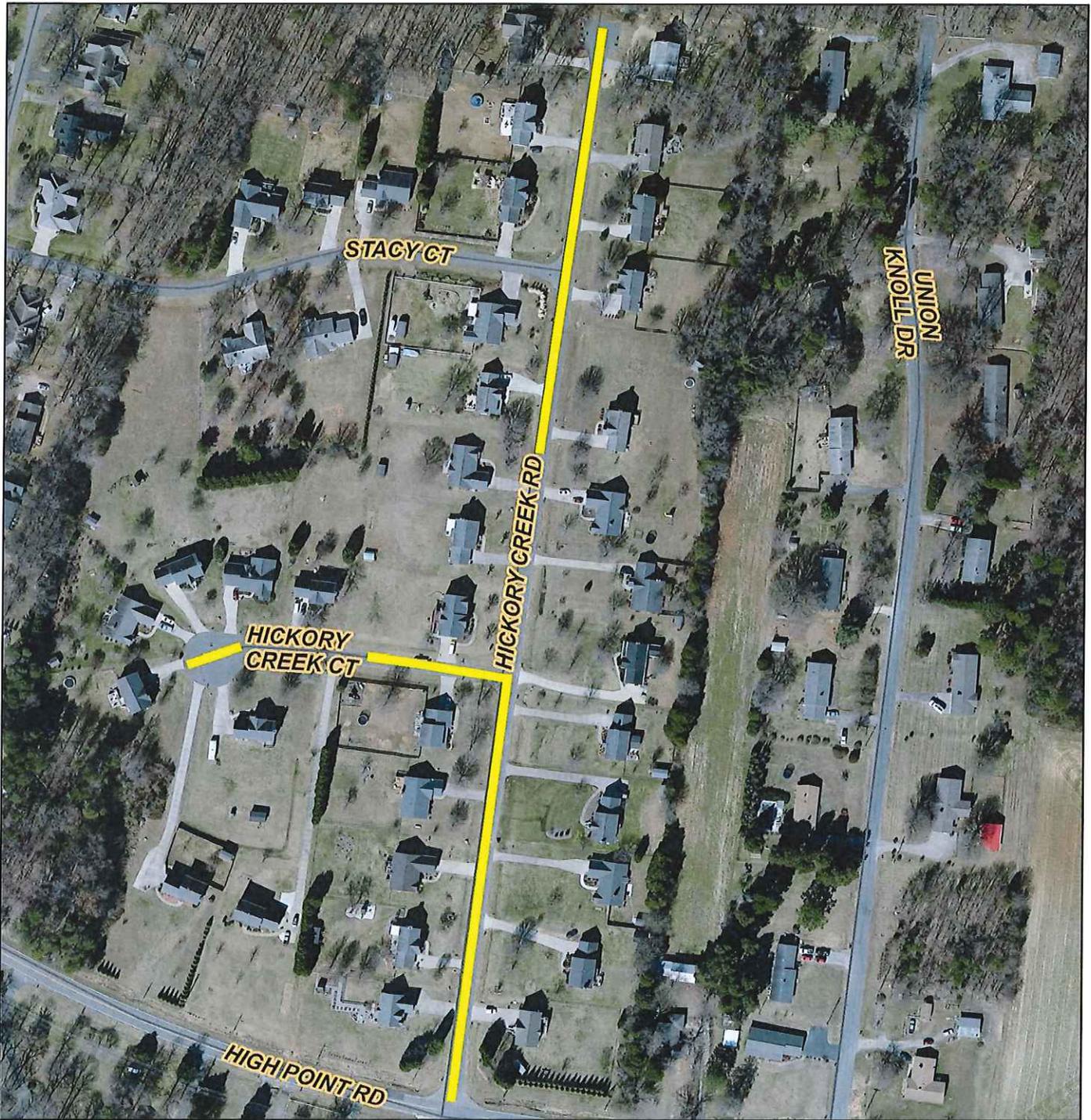
BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem as follows:

SECTION I. Section 42-122(f) of the City Code relating to 25 miles per hour speed limits is amended by adding the following subsection to the end thereof:

“Hickory Creek Road from High Point Road to end of Cul-de-Sac.”

“Hickory Creek Court from Hickory Creek Road to end of Cul-de-Sac.”

SECTION II. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the City Council and upon the erection of appropriate signs giving notice thereof.



Attachment A
Hickory Creek Road and Hickory Creek Court
Proposed 25 MPH

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.

