

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6:22 p.m., Monday, February 13, 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

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT: Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery

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

Chair Taylor stated without objection, the Committee would first consider the Consent Agenda. No 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 Burke and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTION SECTION 42-122(F) OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO 25 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMITS (NORTHEAST AND EAST WARDS) – *Gaither Road, Robertson Drive, Pickard Drive, Stokesdale Avenue, and Big House Gaines Boulevard.*
- C-2. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES – *January 9, 2017.*

GENERAL AGENDA

- G-1. WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT 2016 PRELIMINARY CRIME STATISTICS SUMMARY.

Chief Rountree, Chief of Police, and Assistant Police Chief Thompson, gave the staff presentation on this item.

Assistant Police Chief Thompson stated in some homicide cases, they officially are unsolved and in of the cases the District Attorney is aware of who the offenders are. There are a number of things to first consider when prosecuting cases and they are considered unsolved until all information is justified.

In response to Chair Taylor, Chief Rountree stated staff is continuing to work with the community to solve these homicide cases. He also stated, working with Crime Stoppers, digital advertisements, and working with The Violent Crimes Task Force are approaches used to help solve these cases.

In response to Council Member Montgomery, Chief Rountree stated to build up the recruitment process, since last year, staff has increased applications intake by taking recruits to New York. This idea was adopted from a program in another municipality that took their recruits to a special training program there.

In response to Council Member Burke, Chief Rountree stated currently there are three individuals taking advantage of the scholarship program that the City offers, attending Winston-Salem State University.

G-2. UPDATE ON THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES AFTER RELEASE (SOAR) PROGRAM.

Mr. Evan Raleigh, Office of Business & Inclusion Director, gave a staff report on this item.

Council Member Burke suggested the participants of this program be tracked and share their experiences to be encouragers in support of the program.

In response to Council Member Larson, Mr. Raleigh stated the Chamber of Commerce has been contacted and asked how they can be a part of a grantee program to help support the continued efforts of this program.

Chair Taylor has suggested designated staff be assigned to find places where the SOAR participants can work outside the internal work force of the City and into the private sectors of employment.

Council Member Montgomery requested how are changes in workforce development going to be implemented.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19 p.m.