

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

6:06 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

COMMITTEE ROOM

ROOM 239, CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Vivian H. Burke, Chair
Council Member Molly Leight, Vice Chair
Council Member Wanda Merschel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Nelson L. Malloy, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Member Joycelyn V. Johnson

Chair Burke called the meeting to order.

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-122(f) OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO 25 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMITS ON CITY STREETS – *Neighborhood Limits: Glenn Landing Drive, Patsy Drive, Selda Drive, Glenn Knoll Lane, Glenn Knoll Court, Myrtle Street and Ras Drive.*

Council Member Leight made a motion to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Council Member Merschel and unanimously carried.

2. REPORT ON ALLISTAIR ROAD CRASHES - FIXED OBJECTS.

Mr. Stan Polanis, Director of Transportation, presented the staff report. He stated in an effort to prevent further incidents, the City proposed slow down mechanisms be installed in the area as speeding was a major factor in past occurrences.

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Mr. Polanis responded the City prefers to place a center island on the tangent section because it will require the driver to slow down and divert prior to entering the curve.

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

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 800 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

Mr. Dennis Newman, Chief Information Officer, presented the staff report.

In response to Council Member Johnson's inquiry, Mr. Newman stated there would be no down time to reconfigure the system.

Chair Burke requested a start and finish date for the project. Mr. Newman explained when an agreement is negotiated he will bring the information back to Council for further review.

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

4. PRESENTATION OF THE MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT.

Mr. Lee Garrity introduced the item, stating the City can offer more effective services to the citizens through performance measurements.

Mrs. Ann Jones, Budget Director and Mrs. Denise Bell, Chief Financial Officer presented the staff report.

In response to Chair Burke's inquiry, Mr. Newman responded 500 citizens participated in a random sample telephone survey, based on zip codes.

Chair Burke requested a summary of the areas surveyed.

Mrs. Patricia Norris, Police Chief, responded to Council Member Leight's question by stating Raleigh's crime rate appears lower because they do not report on the same system. She further indicated Raleigh only reports serious crimes and Winston-Salem reports all crime.

Chair Burke stated Winston-Salem State University has a plan of action to initiate a commission that focuses on campus safety, as well as, safety in our communities. She requested that the progress of this commission be shared with the Public Safety committee and an invitation be extended to the City of Greensboro and others as they communicate their findings.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Council Member Merschel expressed her appreciation for officers on the scene during a recent stand-off situation in her building. She also requested the Police Department to provide an advance notice to residents of the building when the suspect is released.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:34 p.m.