

SUMMARY OF MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

5:30 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM

ROOM 239, CITY HALL

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Member Joycelyn V. Johnson

Chair Burke 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 pulled. Council Member Leight requested to pull Item C-2. No other items were removed for discussion.

Council Member Merschel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Leight 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 ON CITY STREETS - *Lyons Street; Neighborhood Limits: Bridgegate Drive, Hundley Road, Woodspring Drive, Brookdale Ridge Drive, Brookdale Ridge Court, Hunters Knoll Drive, and Wallridge Drive; Neighborhood Limits: Larkspur Drive, Larkspur Place, Poppy Lane, Foxton Drive, and Applington Way North; Neighborhood Limits: East Kimwell Drive, Farm Acres Court, Griffith Meadows Drive, and Everidge Road.*
- C-3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE FROM THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE JOINT FUGITIVE TASK FORCE.
- C-4. UPDATE ON BEATY BUILDING RENOVATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS ASSESSMENT.
- C-5. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SUMMARY OF MINUTES - *August 10, 2009.*

C-2. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-177 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO NONRESIDENTIAL PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

Council Member Leight requested to know if information was sent out to affected citizens and requested that staff review citizen parking and the parking of tractor trailers in residential areas.

Mr. Greg Turner, Assistant City Manager/Public Works, stated that all affected neighborhoods are aware of the proposed change and that some are still working on applications. In response to Council Member Leight's question regarding whether or not the Inspections and Zoning offices needed to be reviewing the proposed change, he stated that there are size limitations on vehicles parked in residential areas and there is a restriction in the code on parked vehicles that exceed a certain size.

In response to Council Member Johnson's question regarding parking for home-based businesses, Mr. Turner noted that there are no special privileges and that off-street accommodations should be provided for vehicles that exceed size limitations.

Chair Burke noted that she does not feel the code is being enforced because large trucks continue to park in residential areas where streets are narrow. She also requested that Mr. Stan Polanis, Department of Transportation Director, further review how to address the issue and enforce the code.

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

GENERAL AGENDA

G-1. COMMENDATIONS FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM FIREFIGHTER'S COMBAT CHALLENGE TEAM OF THE WINSTON-SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Antony Farmer, Winston-Salem Fire Department, stated that the Combat Challenge Team has been performing and conducting activities for several years with little recognition. They have amassed several medals and have drawn positive attention to the city in the process.

Assistant Fire Chief Freddie Broome recognized the members of the team in attendance: Captain Duane Cheek, Captain Ricky Brown, Engineer Scott Blair and Engineer Chaz Browning.

Captain Cheek noted that the team has been competing for 15 years and the Over 40 Relay Team won the World Championships in 2005 and set a new world record time in 2008.

Chair Burke noted that she appreciates the team members enthusiasm and excitement.

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Engineer Blair stated that team members can compete as individuals, in tandem or relay and participate in other physical challenges such as running up a six-story tower in full turnout gear, to simulate the experience of what a firefighter may

encounter on the job.

In response to Council Member Merschel's question, Captain Cheek noted that the challenge has been held in Winston-Salem four times, during the Dixie Classic Fair and the Winston-Salem Air Show.

Council Member Merschel requested that Marketing and Communications staff look for ways to bring the challenge back to Winston-Salem and that team members could serve as ambassadors for the city.

Council Member Leight read the recognition certificates and presented them to the members in attendance.

Chair Burke noted that news of participation in the challenge could be used as a recruiting tool for new officers.

Council Member Johnson requested that team members be present during neighborhood watch meetings and community events.

G-2. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS TO SHARE 2009 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS WITH FORSYTH COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE:

- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA, THE COUNTY OF FORSYTH, NORTH CAROLINA, AND THE TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA TO SHARE 2009 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AWARD.
- b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010.
- c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA AND THE COUNTY OF FORSYTH, NORTH CAROLINA REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT TACTICAL VEHICLE.

Mr. Lee Garrity, City Manager, noted that this item was considered at the Finance Committee meeting and that Items G-2, G-3 and G-4 are all grant related items.

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

G-3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO FEDERAL GRANTS FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- a. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A 2009 PAUL COVERDELL NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES IMPROVEMENT ACT FORMULA GRANT TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION OF THE WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- b. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A 2009 RECOVERY ACT BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANT TO FUND THREE NEW CRIME ANALYSTS AND ONE NEW NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- c. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND TAX LEVY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010.
- d. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A 2009 SMART POLICING: EVIDENCE-BASED POLICING DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE GRANT TO FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTELLIGENCE-LED PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING PROJECT.
- e. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER IN TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 2009 SMART POLICING: EVIDENCE-BASED POLICING DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE GRANT.

In response to Council Member Leight's question, Ms. Lori Sykes, Public Safety Attorney, stated that an Intelligence-Led Problem Oriented Policing Project provides funding for increased data-mining of the information that Crime Analysts have already gathered and processed. The concept of the project is to use that information in various ways, through various methods of collection to identify trends, and to allow more efficient use of the information already on file. She also stated that the software will allow a more efficient exchange of information between the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) and the Center for Community Safety.

Council Member Merschel noted that with the existing software, it is labor intensive to obtain numbers on repeat offenders and their interaction with the WSPD, so the new software will be useful.

Mr. Garrity noted that WSPD staff is also reviewing domestic violence statistics as it is increasing.

Chair Burke requested to know how much travel will be involved with training courses and requested that staff ensure the most effective use of the funds.

Council Member Johnson requested that staff ensure clarity on offenders' addresses, as the last known address for many is the Forsyth County Jail, showing an unrealistic concentration of

offenders in the 27101 zip code.

Council Member Merschel requested information on any recommendations from the Risk Management Association review that have been implemented and any recommendations that are outstanding.

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

G-4. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 19 LOCATED OFF OF GLENN HI ROAD:

- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION 19. [*\$2,008,550.*]
- b. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010.

Council Member Johnson questioned how construction from the original plan would proceed with the infusion of stimulus funds.

Mr. Turner noted that the project has been in the planning stages for some time and the stimulus package became available at the right time to fund the project. Staff had a standard architectural design for the station and submitted that design with addendums for energy efficiency. He also noted that staff anticipates beginning the project within six to nine months and it should be completed within three years.

Council Member Johnson questioned if the addendums included an area for a police satellite substation.

Chief Farmer noted that this fire station will accommodate two companies, a ladder and pumper company, or nine people. He also noted that there are two offices in the design and he has communicated the possibility of partnering with Police Chief Scott Cunningham.

Council Member Johnson expressed concern that this idea was not accommodated in the design of the new station, as it has been previously discussed to incorporate building partnerships within new public safety building designs.

Chair Burke noted that substations in certain neighborhoods would provide an additional element of support to older neighborhoods and staff should find ways to incorporate this idea into action.

Mr. Garrity stated that the partnership design may be considered but staff also has to identify funding sources to support additional officers.

Chief Farmer stated that there may be an opportunity to accommodate additional officers once the building construction begins, but this grant solely provides funding for fire protection and fire service needs.

Council Member Johnson questioned that prior to grant application, it was discussed that the new stations would have joint capacity, and is there an opportunity to utilize stimulus funds to accommodate additional construction.

Mr. Turner stated that staff would review Council Member Johnson's request.

Council Member Merschel noted that opportunities for joint ventures between the WSPD and the Fire Department have been discussed for several years, and since this additional funding will not have to be allocated from the General Fund balance, this station can serve as a prototype at the ideal time and location. There is currently a need for additional officers and she expressed her disappointment that the idea was not incorporated in the design.

Chief Farmer noted that joint stations between fire and police departments are not a new concept, and staff is open to the idea. He also noted that fire departments in other cities have partnered with recreation centers and staff is reviewing the success of those partnered sites.

Chair Burke requested that staff review opportunities to partner police or fire personnel with recreation centers.

Council Member Merschel requested that any existing areas where recreation centers and fire stations are in close proximity be reviewed.

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

Chief Farmer noted that the new fire station grand opening is scheduled for October 29 at 11:00 a.m. and invitations are forthcoming.

Council Member Merschel expressed her thanks to the City Manager's office, and noted that in the last several weeks, media communication has been handled by the Marketing and Communications Department, which presents a united front and consistent reporting.

Chair Burke also expressed her thanks as the communication has been more sophisticated and consistent.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:08 p.m.