

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF APEX TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY WORK SESSION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022 4:00 P.M.

The Apex Town Council met for a Public Safety Work Session on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Apex Police Department, located at 205 Saunders Street in Apex, North Carolina.

The meeting was open to the public. Members of the public were able to attend this meeting in-person or watch online via the livestream on the Town's YouTube Channel.

The meeting recording can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdGVIErV7Fk&t=1279s>

[ATTENDANCE]

Elected Body

Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert (*presiding officer*)

Mayor Pro-Tempore Audra Killingsworth

Councilmember Brett Gantt

Councilmember Cheryl Stallings

Councilmember Ed Gray

Councilmember Terry Mahaffey

Town Staff

Town Manager Catherine Crosby

Town Attorney Laurie Hohe

Town Clerk Allen Coleman

Police Chief Jason Armstrong

Police Officer Victoria Carter

[COMMENCEMENT]

Mayor Jacques K. Gilbert called the meeting to order at **4:00 p.m.** and thanked Town Manager for putting this together.

[DEPARTMENT UPDATES]

Police Chief, Jason Armstrong provided a PowerPoint on a high-level overview of the key issues that the Police Department is currently working on with the topics being Personnel, Policy and Procedures including organization updates, that

took place July 1, 2022 and notable changes and pending changes and Benchmark Analytics.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussions ensued between the elected members and town staff.

[EMERGING TOPICS]

Police Chief, Jason Armstrong continued with the PowerPoint presentation going over topics such as, school traffic safety, including crossing guard positions open; gun violence in the Community, including gun theft trends, reporting and education efforts; and Officers mental health, including addressing staff wellbeing, available resources and team building.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussions ensued between the elected members and town staff.

Mayor Gilbert called for a five-minute break and announced the meeting in recess at **5:46 p.m.**

Mayor Gilbert reconvened the meeting at **5:51 p.m.**

[Mayors Substance Misuse Taskforce]

Mayor Gilbert spoke about the Town's substance misuse task force and said that there was a meeting the upcoming week and this meeting will provide additional information highlighting the human cost of the epidemic and the need for continued community action. He said that the goal for establishing the task force is for people to see there is a problem and how to identify it. He introduced Victoria Carter and recognized her dedication along with Erica Asberry, an Outreach Coordinator.

Police Officer, Victoria Carter presented *Substance Misuse Task Force* giving information on the Apex Task Force, including members, volunteers, accomplishments in 2022, available resources, curriculum for schools and goals for 2023. She gave Stats for 2021 vs. 2022 which included overdoses and Narcan usage. There were questions and discussions from elected members and town staff.

Erica Asberry, Credentialed Drug and Alcohol Counselor spoke on the stigma surrounding substance use and shared experiences with families who hide addiction. She presented several of the task force initiatives.

Mayor Gilbert extended his appreciation to the task force and thanked them.

Councilmember Gray thanked the Town leadership for giving this update.

[ADJOURNMENT]

With no additional business being presented by the governing body, **Mayor Gilbert** adjourned the meeting at **6:18 p.m.**

Jacques K. Gilbert
Apex Mayor

Allen Coleman
Apex Town Clerk

Submitted for consideration and approved on_____.