

City of Gainesville

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Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

3:00 PM

City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16

Public Safety Committee

*Commissioner Helen Warren, Chair
Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adopted

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[140574.](#) Approval of the September 22, 2014 Public Safety Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted.*

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[140278.](#) Protection of Antibiotics (B)

Proposed Resolution to Support Statewide and National Bans on Non-therapeutic Uses of Antibiotics in Livestock Production (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee discuss the proposed resolution, listen to public input and provide guidance as appropriate.*

At the request of Commissioner Warren, GFR staff researched information on the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock production in order to make an informed decision on a request to endorse legislation regarding this matter.

Dr. David Meurer, UF Emergency Medical Department Medical Director and Gainesville Fire Rescue Medical Director, spoke to the Committee representing himself, not the University of Florida. He agrees the misuse of antibiotics can spread antibiotic resistance in humans. He opposes the use of antibiotics to promote weight gain in animals. There is no food shortage in the United States to warrant the artificial weight gain in animals.

Dr. Max Irsik, UF Veterinary School Beef Specialist and Food Animal Practitioner, stated that legislation is already in place with HS152, effective in April 2015 to discontinue the use of antibiotics for food growth. Enforcement of this legislation will start in December 2016. The changes are a result of the FDA Center For Veterinary Medicine regulating themselves. These regulations have been in progress for a long time, but are just coming to fruition. The FDA is ahead of government regulations. The Florida Cattlemen's Association is already on board with the changes. FDA testing for food is extremely safe; and Dr. Irsik feels the public perception is wrong. There are strict guidelines already in place.

The Public Safety Committee voted to recommend this referral be removed

from the Committee's Referral List, as the issued has already been addressed.

[140354.](#)

Gainesville Fire Rescue Special Sprinkler Initiative (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee hear a presentation from Risk Reduction Bureau Assistant Fire Chief JoAnne Rice.

Assistant Fire Chief JoAnn Rice gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the advantages of adopting a local ordinance and incentives to encourage the use of home fire sprinklers. If an ordinance is approved all new homes and structures would be required to have sprinkler systems.

The Public Safety Committee agreed to move forward with gathering information on this referral. The next step will be for GFR staff to meet with stakeholders, both internal and external, to discuss incentives that could be made available to builders and consider ways to bring sprinkler systems into pre-existing homes. Staff will come back to the PSC after this meeting to present their findings on how the City could proceed with incorporating an ordinance for home fire sprinklers.

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Warren brought up referral 121072 Speeding On University Avenue Between 13th Street and Football Stadium. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend this referral be deleted from the PSC Referral List. GPD continually monitors this area and could present updates as requested.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee in January 26. However, it was recommended to replace the next regular meeting with a joint meeting with the EDUCC Committee to review the draft ordinance on Vehicles For Hire with the affected stakeholders.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.