

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Agenda

April 7, 2015

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****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[140863.](#)**Approval of December 16, 2014 Public Safety Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted.

[140863_Dec2014PDCMinutes_20150407](#)**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**[140686.](#)**Reichert House Funding (B)**

Explanation: At the February 19, 2015 City Commission Meeting GPD requested \$30,000 from Federal Forfeiture Funds to be spent on training, equipment and special programs most specifically the Summer Heatwave program this summer. A portion of the funds will be utilized for the Summer Heatwave program as well as Police Explorer program and Reichert House Youth summer program. The request was approved by the Commission. At that time Commissioner Chase requested a referral be made to the Public Safety Committee regarding Reichert House funding and staffing.

Fiscal Note: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee review budget and expenditure data compiled by the City's Budget and Finance Office and determine a course of action to be taken.

Legislative History

2/19/15 City Commission Referred to the Public Safety Committee

[140686_Reichert House Funding_20150407](#)[140518.](#)**Lighted Crosswalks and Street Lighting (B)**

This item is a referral from the City Commission.

Explanation: At the joint City Commission - UF Student Government Meeting last fall, the issue of lighted crosswalks and street lighting in the University Context Area was referred to the Public Safety Committee. Students have expressed concerns with safety at crosswalks and night time visibility in neighborhoods.

In conjunction with the FY14 budget process and also the Transportation Surtax that was rejected by County voters last fall, the Public Works Department submitted a funding request for items related to bicycle and pedestrian safety, which included enhancements to crosswalks. This increment would have provided for lighted crosswalks at intersections with high volumes of pedestrian traffic, featuring the following treatments:

- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) activated lighted crosswalks; and,
- High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK).

Street lighting along public roadways is covered in City Ordinance (Chapter 27, Section 27-29). Public Works reviews street lighting conditions based on citizen requests, verifying compliance with city code. Repairs and/or new installations are coordinated with GRU.

When appropriate, Public Works Department staff will also work with GPD staff to perform a safety analysis of the area.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee discuss the issue of lighted crosswalks and street lighting.

Legislative History

11/18/14 City Commission Referred to the Public Safety Committee

[140518 Signage PowerPt 20150407](#)

[140840](#)

Underage Drinking Ordinance (B)

Explanation: At the February 19, 2015 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Poe requested that the Underage Drinking Ordinance be referred to the Public Safety Committee for discussion. The Public Safety Committee and City Commission had extensively researched and adopted revisions to the City's Underage Drinking Ordinance in February, 2013. However, due to administrative challenges, the enforcement of the ordinance has been suspended.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee: 1) hear a presentation from GPD staff; and 2) discuss

options for amending the ordinance to enable enforcement.

Legislative History

2/19/15 City Commission Referred to the Public Safety Committee

[140840 UnderageDrinkingHistoricalReview 20150407](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 27, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT