

City of Gainesville

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Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

3:00 PM

City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16

Public Safety Committee

*Commissioner Yvonne Hinson-Rawls, Chair
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as submitted by a vote of 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

120999. Approval of February 28, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting as submitted.*

The minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting were approved as written by a vote of 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

120508. Creating Buffer Zones Around Medical Clinics (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee continue to discuss the issue of drafting an ordinance creating a buffer zone around medical clinics.*

Highlights from a memorandum provided at the January 8, 2013 meeting from the City Attorney's Office were reviewed to remind those present of First Amendment implications and existing laws regarding buffer zones around medical clinics. There is abundant case law on the issue.

Committee members expressed that they were not in favor of proceeding with creating a buffer zone based on the input of the City Attorney's Office and GPD.

The Committee requested that Bread and Roses send them weekly updates as to the progress of their efforts to ease the problems they are having including calls to the police, what action was taken, and safety efforts the clinic is making when recommended by a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) survey. The Committee requested a copy of the CPTED survey and recommendations when completed.

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Committee members voted 3 0 to hold this item in the Committee for an additional thirty days to: 1) monitor the progress made by the clinic(s) and the Highlights from a memorandum provided at the January 8, 2013 meeting from the City Attorney's Office were reviewed to remind those present of First Amendment implications and existing laws regarding buffer zones around

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Committee members voted 3-0 to hold this item in the Committee for an additional thirty days to: 1) monitor the progress made by the clinic(s) and the and the City; 2) review a copy of the CPTED survey for the Bread and Roses Clinic; and 3) request the Public Works Department review the ingress/egress flow from the Bread and Roses Clinic and make appropriate recommendations.

120997.

Public Safety Committee Referral List Update (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee hear an update from staff on the Committee's pending referral list.

The Committee members voted 3-0 to request the City Commission remove four items from the Public Safety Committee's referral list, as recommend by staff.

The items to be removed are:

- 1) 120347 Special Event Permits for Bars - On March 21, 2013 the City Commission Directed the City Attorney to prepare and the Clerk of Commission to advertise an ordinance to expand the extension of premises Citywide and allow up to 4 Special Event Permits per year providing extension of premises for alcohol above and beyond UF Football Home Games and to authorize the Plan Board Petition and first reading of the ordinance to occur at the same meeting.
- 2) 120206 Roam Towing and the Appeals Process - This item was discussed by the full City Commission on December 20, 2012 and direction was given to staff to draft ordinance change for City Commission approval.
- 3) 120063 Request To Increase Trespass Towing Rates - This item was discussed by the City Commission along with the referral on Roam Towing and the Appeals Process on December 20, 2012. The City Commission continued to consider an increase to trespass towing fees on April 18, 2013.
- 4) 110933 Special Events/Expanded Premises Permitting - This item ties in with the Special Event Permits for Bars.

Staff will prepare an agenda item for a future City Commission Meeting requesting the removal of these items from the Committee's referral list.

MEMBER COMMENT

Commissioner Chase asked for information on half-way houses in Gainesville; what resources are there to refer citizens to who are in need. GFR's Fire Assistant Chief Joanne Rice shared that many organizations do not set up official half-way houses due to the many regulations and permits required.

Commissioner Poe plans to request the City Commission create a resolution to support Florida Senator Rubio's initiative on mental health homes.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was no additional citizen comment.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.