

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

5:00 PM

Joint Meeting With The Public Safety Committee and the Economic  
Development University Community Committee  
GPD Community Room

## Public Safety Committee

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

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requested to notify the Equal Opportunity Department at 334-5051 or call the TDD  
phone line at 334-2069 at least two business days in advance.*

**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The motion was made by Commissioner Hinson-Rawls to approve the agenda as submitted and seconded by Commissioner Warren. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**140297.

**Referral of the Vehicle for Hire Ordinance to the Public Safety Committee and Economic Development/University Community Committee (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The Public Safety Committee and Economic Development/University Community Committee hear a presentation from GPD staff and discuss future recommendations to the full City Commission.*

Public Safety Committee Chair Helen Warren and Economic Development University Community Committee Chair Randy Wells agreed that Commissioner Wells would chair the meeting. Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers gave a brief overview of the goals of the joint meeting to gather information and determine what the Committee needs to make future recommendations to the full City Commission.

GPD Lieutenant Mike Schibuola gave a presentation on the primary regulations under the City's Vehicle For Hire (VFH) Ordinance. GPD Legal Advisor Lee Libby offered the City Attorney's opinion that GPD should enforce the current ordinance while a decision is made on the revision of the VFH Ordinance. He stated the City cannot issue a moratorium on any State regulations but a moratorium could be issued to waive the franchise fees. Mr. Libby indicated that Transportation Network Companies (TNC) fall under the City's VFH Ordinance.

Citizens Clifford Patrick, Berihun Atenafu, Blake Murphy, Freddy Maldonado, Mike Ross, Allan Penksa, Edwin Ricci, John Ronan, Dug Jones, Donald Shepherd, Tope Dipe, and Susan Davenport, spoke on the issue.

The Committee discussed making an initial recommendation to the full City Commission directing City staff to proceed on an expedited basis to develop a proposal based on the Committee's discussion and motion and to return to a future Joint Committee meeting to review the proposal prepare a more comprehensive recommendation to the City Commission.

The Joint Committee voted to recommend that the City Commission: 1) pursue

an expedited resolution to accommodate Transportation Network Companies; 2) meet key public safety concerns of the City and other communities; and 3) draft a new ordinance to level the playing field and add value to the community. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.