

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2013

1:00 PM

City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 17

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****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**[120678.](#)

Approval of November 29, 2012 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (B)

Explanation: None.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the November 29, 2012 meeting as submitted.

[120678_PSCNov2012Mins_20130108](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[120349.](#)**Vehicles Speeding in Neighborhoods (B)**

This item is a request to review the City's Traffic Calming Program and discuss traffic issues in specific neighborhoods. Public Works, Fire Rescue and Police staff will provide an informational presentation to the Public Safety Committee.

Explanation: In June 2004, the City Commission placed a moratorium on speed humps and speed tables. This was due to the impact these devices were having in emergency response times. In neighborhood speeding complaints, the most common request is for speed humps.

The City has an adopted traffic calming policy. This policy determines the eligibility for residential traffic calming. Arterial and collector streets (as identified in the Official Highway Map) are not eligible for traffic calming devices. In general, to be eligible, the following conditions must be met:

- Petition from the neighborhood;*
- Traffic study shows that the 85th% speed is greater than 5 mile per hour over the posted speed;*
- Emergency responders do not object to traffic calming on that particular street;*
- > than 50% of the residents living on the specific street to which the traffic calming is proposed vote in favor of the traffic calming device*

installation (> 50% of the returned ballots).

Staff also collected data along N.W. 31st Drive near Westside Park and on N.W. 40th Street in the Monterey Subdivision. That data will be covered in the presentation.

Fiscal Note: Funds are not currently available in the Public Works Department budget for traffic calming projects.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff on the status of the traffic calming program; and, 2) discuss the status of the traffic calming program.

Legislative History

9/6/12 City Commission Referred to the Public Safety Committee

[120349a_ResTrafficCalmingPolicy_20130108](#)

[120349b_TrafficCalmingProgram_20130108](#)

[120349c_TrafficCalmingSurvey_20130108](#)

[120349d_TrafficCalmingDevicesAdminPolicy_20130108](#)

[120349e_TrafficCalmingDevicesPPT_20130108](#)

[120508.](#)

Creating Buffer Zones Around Medical Clinics (B)

Explanation: Commissioner Poe brought this referral forward at the October 18, 2012 City Commission meeting with a request that City Attorney Staff and GPD Staff research the need for buffer zones around women's medical clinics to keep protestors from passing the barrier.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee 1) hear a report on First Amendment Rights from the City Attorney's Office and a report from GPD on any recent problems they have had around these clinics; and 2) discuss the issue of drafting an ordinance creating a buffer zone around medical clinics.

Legislative History

10/18/12 City Commission Referred to the Public Safety Committee

[120508a_GPDMemoOnClinicBuffers_20130108](#)

[120508b_ClinicPoliceReports_20130108](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 1:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT