

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda - Final

November 10, 2016

1:00 PM

Roberta Lisle Kline Room

General Policy Committee

Mayor Lauren Poe (At Large)
Commissioner Harvey Budd (At Large)
Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Helen Warren (At Large)
Commissioner Charles Goston (District 1)
Commissioner Todd Chase (District 2)
Commissioner Craig Carter (District 3)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (District 4)

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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ROLL CALL

[160533.](#)

General Policy Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the minutes of September 29, October 13, and October 27, 2016.

[160533_GPC minutes_20161110](#)

[160226.](#)

Landlord Permits (B)

This is a request for the General Policy Committee to consider a landlord permit fee waiver for affordable rental units.

Explanation: As part of the City Commission's Landlord Permit referral that originated with the Community Development Committee, the City Commission referred to the General Policy Committee the idea of providing a permit fee waiver to property owners who provide affordable housing by accepting rental subsidies from their tenants. Staff will present a recommendation to implement a landlord permit fee waiver for property owners that provide proof that their tenants' rent is fully or partially subsidized by a local, state, or federal housing assistance program. Ordinance language can be drafted to include the HUD Housing Choice Voucher program and the HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program (VASH), as well as other local, state, or federal programs. At this time data is unavailable to determine the actual fiscal impact of a fee waiver. Staff attempted to gain information from the Gainesville Housing Authority regarding the number of HUD Housing Choice and VASH vouchers were being used for rental properties that would also require a landlord permit but the data was not available. The General Policy Committee may want to consider either a one year pilot program or direct

staff to gather data from applicants during the next landlord permit cycle to determine the fiscal impact to the City's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION *The General Policy Committee receive staff's recommendation and provide direction to staff.*

[160226_Staff Analysis Form GPC landlord permit fee waiver_20161110.pdf](#)

[160263.](#)

Chapter 4, Article III Underage Prohibition in Alcoholic Beverage Establishments (B)

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances relating to persons under the age of 21 in alcoholic beverage establishments; by amending Chapter 4, Article III to regulate persons under 21 being present in alcoholic beverage establishments which have a high number of underage alcohol violations.

Explanation: In the past year, concerns were raised regarding Chapter 4, Article III of the Alcohol Beverages ordinance regarding the enforcement and penalty process for underage prohibition orders. The Gainesville Police Department was tasked with drafting some potential changes to alleviate these concerns while at the same time attempting to deal with ongoing public safety concerns. General revision concepts to Chapter 4 have been presented to both the former Public Safety Committee and Community Alcohol Coalition with positive responses. The Public Safety Committee referred the issue to the Commission for final action. GPD has proposed amendments to Chapter 4, Article III which would help alleviate the problems of persons under 21 years of age from consuming alcoholic beverages in alcoholic beverage establishments.

The Gainesville Police Department held two meetings with stakeholders on September 19th and 21st, 2016. The first meeting (19th) was attended by two representatives from UF student government. UF Student Body President Susan Webster suggested two ID requirements for bars to utilize.

GPD members met with bar owners and employees on September 21st in regards to the possible changes to the ordinance. Their concerns/requests were as follows: 1) Cost of Permit; 2) Cost of any required staff training and time frame for how long training was good for; 3) Costs of purchasing ID scanners; 4) Associating bar occupancy with requirement due to cost of hiring police as exterior security; 5) Time frame for reset of permit violations; and 6) Allowing persons under 18 years of age to attend music events at alcoholic establishments without a guardian/parent.

Fiscal Note: None

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission authorize the City Attorney to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise amendments to Ordinance.

[160263A Underage Prohibition Presentation 20161110](#)

[160263B GPD Alcohol Presentation Slides 20161110.pdf](#)

[160263C COG Alcohol Ordinance Executive Summary 20161110.pdf](#)

[160395.](#)

Amending Land Development Code Definitions Regarding Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (B)

Explanation: The City Commission withdrew item No. 160221 (Ordinance No. 160221, Petition PB-16-84 TCH) from September 15, 2016 City Commission agenda and referred the matter to the General Policy Committee for further discussion. The City Commission expressed interest in making significant changes to the ordinance including: where medical cannabis dispensaries can be located.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission Amend draft Ordinance 160221 to eliminate the use from the MU-1 zoning district and establish minimum distance and other requirements for medical cannabis dispensaries as outlined in the staff analysis.

[160395A Staff Analysis 20161110.pdf](#)

[160395B Medical Marijuana Exhibit 20161110.pdf](#)

[160464.](#)

Solar Charging Stations (B)

This item addresses Pure Energy Solar's interest/offer for a pilot project to locate solar charging stations/benches in the City.

Explanation: Please see attached staff analysis.

Fiscal Note: Based on previous City Commission direction, the pilot project should be at no cost to the City. Pure Energy Solar has offered to provide the solar charging stations/benches for the pilot project at their cost including installation. If the City is interested in purchasing the solar charging stations/benches at the end of the pilot project, Pure Energy Solar indicated that the cost of the solar charging station is \$3,895 and a solar bench \$10,000 and that the pricing may be negotiable. The City has no funding budgeted for this purpose and would need to determine a fair and appropriate approach consistent with the City's purchasing policies.

RECOMMENDATION

City staff recommends Option B from the staff analysis to proceed with the pilot project covered by the existing agreement for two solar charging stations at Rosa Parks Transfer Station for a six

month period and consider expanding the pilot project to an additional 8 locations at the end of the six month period based on the results of the initial pilot project.

[160464A_Staff Analysis -Solar Charging Stations_20161110.pdf](#)

[160464B_Solar Charging Station License Agreement_20161110.pdf](#)

[160464C_Solar Charging Station_20161110.pdf](#)

[160464D_Solar Bench_20161110.pdf](#)

[160534.](#)

Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Policy Committee discuss the referral list and take action deemed appropriate.

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