

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## Minutes - Draft

Monday, September 22, 2014

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**

Adopted

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

140335. **Approval of the July 28, 2014 Public Safety Committee Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of July 28, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted.*

Approved as Recommended

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

130168. **Gun Safety Classes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Committee 1) hear an update from GPD and other City staff on the proposed curriculum and liability issues, 2) determine how they wish to proceed with developing.*

GPD Lieutenant David Rowe spoke to the Committee regarding the proposed curriculum for the classes. Risk Management Director Steve Varvel discussed the liability issues. At this time insurance costs for the City are being negotiated and a specific liability insurance cost could not be provided.

UF Student Amanda Nelson spoke to the matter.

The Committee members agreed to recommend that GPD should not offer gun safety classes, as those services are offered by several outside entities. GPD will proceed to train and certify additional police officers to teach adult and child Rape Aggression Defense classes and to teach mindset survival/safety awareness classes.

This item will move forward to the full City Commission when a team of trainers is established and a class schedule is created.

140278. **Protection of Antibiotics (B)**

**Proposed Resolution to Support Statewide and National Bans on Non-therapeutic Uses of Antibiotics in Livestock Production (B)**

Commissioner Warren requested the City Commission make a referral to the Public Safety Committee to discuss the topic of non-therapeutic uses

**of antibiotics in consideration of adopting a resolution that supports state and national efforts.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The Public Safety Committee 1) review the draft resolution; 2) determine if further meetings and/or research are required; and 3) consider recommending the City Commission adopt the resolution.*

**Commissioner Warren was recently contacted by citizens requesting the City consider taking a stand on the bans forbidding the use of antibiotics in livestock production.**

**Fire Chief Gene Prince has begun research on this issue and determined it is a national problem. He has contacted the Health Department for more information and support. A sample resolution has been provided that is being used nationwide and can edited to be specific to Gainesville.**

**Staff will come back to a future Committee meeting when more information is received and when the Health Department staff is available to attend a meeting.**

## **MEMBER COMMENT**

**Commissioner Warren commented she would like to discuss traffic safety issues at a future Committee meeting. Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers said the item would need to be referred by the full City Commission; she can make the recommendation to the City Commission.**

**Mr. Folkers stated that staff is working on a date for a joint Public Safety Committee and Economic Development University Community Committee meeting to discuss the Vehicle For Hire ordinance; specifically the requirements for Uber to do business in Gainesville. Uber does not purchase City licenses or decals as other vehicles for hire are required to do when operating in the City limits.**

**Fire Chief Prince said he would like to bring a presentation to the Committee on the use of sprinkler systems. Sprinkler systems control 96% of fires when used. GFR will prepare an agenda item for the City Commission to refer this topic to the Public Safety Committee.**

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

**The next scheduled meeting is October 27, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.**