

# City of Gainesville

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



## **Minutes - Draft**

**Thursday, December 12, 2013**

**3:00 PM**

**City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16**

**Public Safety Committee**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Adopted

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**130556. Approval of October 23, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 meeting as submitted.*

Approved as Recommended

**DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**

**110382. Outdoor Concerts (B)**

RECOMMENDATION

*The Public Safety Committee: 1) hear a report from City staff and UF Noise Consultant Jared Anderson; and 2) consider whether to recommend that the City Commission direct the City Attorney to draft changes to the Noise Ordinance for noise generated by outdoor musical events.*

**GPD Lieutenant Brian Helmerson was lead on the referral. He explained that this referral originated with requests to use City property in the Downtown and Midtown areas for outdoor concerts; with bass noise levels as the main concern. He enlisted Jared Anderson, former President of the UF Audio Engineering Society to consult on noise levels in those areas. His study report and recommendations are provided as backup to this item. GPD supports his recommendations.**

**Before proceeding to the full City Commission, staff will hold a workshop with the GDOT group and Pleasant Street neighborhood to discuss the proposed changes to the City Ordinance.**

**After the workshop is held, staff will prepare an agenda item asking the City Commission to move forward by requesting that the City Attorney's Office draft amendments to the City's Noise Ordinance to incorporate the proposed changes.**

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

RECOMMENDATION

*The Committee hear a presentation from GPD Training and Personnel staff.*

GPD staff made a proposal to develop an overall safety course for both genders and all ages to include gun safety instead only adult gun safety classes. The GPD classes would provide certification classes for gun safety and also focus on self-defense, including a class for children.

The proposed course would be taught in six sessions to include both classroom training and firing range classes. Each class is estimated to be three to four hours each. The suggested class day is Saturday. Instructors for courses will be selected by GPD. GPD would involve bringing in outside teachers from local businesses to assist with the courses, as appropriate. Training curriculum will be developed and supervised by the GPD Training Unit. It was suggested that the City enter into an agreement with the Gainesville Target Range to facilitate Firearm Training.

The estimated costs, assuming a maximum of twenty-five students is \$5,000. Of this amount, approximately 60% would personnel costs. The Committee discussed recovering the program cost through fees paid by participants.

The Public Safety Committee requested staff continue to explore the liability issue of this course and come back to the Committee with a complete course curriculum and information on liability.

## **MEMBER COMMENT**

Commissioner Hinson-Rawls commented on the recommendation from the October 23 meeting where Commissioner Chase suggested the City Commission find funding for overtime for GPD to enforce speeding in front of Gainesville High School and on University Avenue in front of UF. She suggested Commissioner Chase recommend that an increment be prepared for the City Commission to consider for the next budget year..

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 3:00 P.M.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 P.M.