

# **City of Gainesville**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**February 17, 2005**

**9:00 AM**

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

## **Public Safety Committee**

*Commissioner Tony Domenech, Chair  
Commissioner Ed Braddy, Member*

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## CALL TO ORDER

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*The Public Safety Committee adopt the agenda as presented.*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the January 20, 2005 Public Safety Committee meeting as presented.*

## DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

### 040297 Taxi Cab Companies Safety Violations (B)

*Explanation: At the November Public Safety Committee meeting, staff was directed to return with 1) an "executive summary" of recommendations, with input from the Chamber of Commerce, 2) to include information on the medallion or similar system as researched by Finance staff, and 3) provide a draft ordinance reflecting the subcommittee's recommendations.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Public Safety Committee receive staff reports as requested, hear from staff and citizens, and take action to report this item out of committee.*

**Legislative History**

8/9/04	City Commission	Referred (6 - 0 - 1 Absent)	Public Safety Committee
8/9/04	City Commission	Referred	City Manager
9/30/04	Public Safety Committee	Discussed	
10/21/04	Public Safety Committee	Discussed	
11/17/04	Public Safety Committee	Discussed	

### 040547 Dangerous Dog Issues (NB)

*Explanation: The Committee was asked to defer action until a member of the Springtree neighborhood could be present at the February meeting. No staff reports were requested after the January 20, 2005 meeting discussion.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Public Safety Committee hear from citizens and take appropriate action.*

**Legislative History**

10/11/04	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Public Safety Committee
11/17/04	Public Safety Committee	Discussed	

12/16/04	Public Safety Committee	Discussed
1/20/05	Public Safety Committee	Discussed

**040424 Bar Closing Times - Discussion with University of Florida Student Government**

*Explanation: At the January 20, 2005 PSC meeting the Committee requested reports from staff, from SAFE UF Representative Joe Goldberg, and UF Dr. Phillip Barkley.*

**RECOMMENDATION**      *The Public Safety Committee continue discussions, receive the requested reports, and receive citizen and staff input.*

**Legislative History**

9/14/04	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Public Safety Committee
1/20/05	Public Safety Committee	Discussed	

**MEMBER COMMENT**

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**040903 Remote Surveillance System/Confidential Funds Enhancement from Federal LECFTF for the Special Investigations Division (NB)**

*The Public Safety Committee approve forwarding this item to the full City Commission.*

*Explanation: The requested surveillance equipment will be utilized during narcotics investigations for remotely monitoring, surveilling, and recording narcotics traffickers. This system will be supported through secure high speed internet, and secure wireless systems. The purpose of this equipment will be for the enhancement in the prosecution of State and Federal narcotics investigations. This technology upgrade will also aid detectives in the identification of drug traffickers as well as the clearing of those persons not criminally involved. The expenditure request for the Remote Surveillance System is \$39,500. The additional request of confidential funds will be for the purchase of illegal narcotics and investigative expenses in furtherance of the Comprehensive Drug Plan. The expenditure request for the Confidential Funds Enhancement is \$40,000. The expenditure total for this request is \$79,500.*

*Fiscal Note: Funds for this expenditure are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund and is allowable per Federal 21 U.S.C. § 881, found in the U.S. Department of Justice "A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies". The balance in the account is \$1,860,695. The balance is adjusted to account for pending items.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$79,500 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the Special Investigations Division Confidential Funds Enhancement and Remote Surveillance System.*

**040957****Technology Upgrades and Renovations to the Gainesville Police Department's DataTrac Room (NB)**

*The Public Safety Committee approve forwarding this item to the full City Commission.*

*Explanation: The Gainesville Police Department's management accountability system, DataTrac, has been operational for over four years. During this time, many technological advances have been made in the equipment used to manage the presentation information. Additional funding is needed to replace and/or upgrade existing equipment in the room in order to continue to make advancements in this area. As the DataTrac sessions are very well attended by in-house staff, other agencies, and concerned and involved citizens it has become necessary to also increase seating capacity. Finally, the DataTrac Room functioned very successfully as the City's Emergency Operations Center during the 2004 hurricane season, and funds for renovations will additionally cover expansion of the room's capabilities for critical events such as an EOC. The funds will be used for upgrading technical equipment and to provide additional methods of information sharing; additional chairs and other furniture (EOC); and to cover materials and labor related costs for the proposed renovation.*

*Fiscal Note: Funds for this expenditure are available in the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund and is allowable per Federal 21 U.S.C. § 881, found in the U.S. Department of Justice "A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies." The balance in the account is \$1,801,370.80. The balance is adjusted to account for pending items.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*The City Commission approve the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$76,000 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for renovations and equipment upgrades to the Gainesville Police Department's DataTrac Room.*

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

*March 17, 2005, 9:00 a.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**