

City of Gainesville

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Minutes - Final

Thursday, April 25, 2013

1:30 PM

City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16

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

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[121061.](#) **Approval of April 9, 2013 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (B)**

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the April 9, 2013 meeting as submitted.*

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

120063. Trespass Towing Rates (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Public Safety Committee 1) hear a presentation from GPD staff on the towing tracking software research; and 2) discuss the benefit of including an escalator in the Towing Ordinance for future fee increases.*

GPD Officer Jeff McAdams, Towing Administrator, gave a brief summary of software staff and some of the towing companies reviewed. The software will make monitoring towing issues more efficient for both the City and the towing companies for both Trespass Towing and Rotation Towing. The Committee requested Officer McAdams research companies other than the one that contacted Commissioner Hinson-Rawls and come back to the Committee with a matrix of pros and cons of each company researched, research from other cities who use towing software, and the number of roam tows that are done in a year.

[120991.](#) **Teenage Events in Bars (B)**

This item proposes that legislation be drafted to prevent minors from being in areas in which large numbers of intoxicated adults are located subjecting them to potential harm and victimization by adult patrons.

RECOMMENDATION *The City Commission authorize the City Attorney's Office to draft and the Clerk of the Commission to advertise an ordinance which would prohibit events for teenagers under 18 years old at establishments that are licensed to serve alcohol and whose primary business is the sale of alcohol regardless of whether alcoholic beverages are being sold at the time, and/or within close proximity to these*

establishments, which target minors, and places them in close proximity to adults who will prey upon the children.

Police Chief Tony Jones and other officials in the City have been contacted by promoters who want permission to hold teen events in establishments that sell alcohol. Chief Jones supports denying these requests due to the safety of the teenagers in areas that expose them to drinking patrons. He is requesting language be drafted that no one under 18 be allowed in places that hold an alcohol license, unless the establishment has 51% of their revenue from the sale of food. Several citizens spoke in support of the Chief's proposal.

The Committee voted 3-0 to recommend the City Commission request the City Attorney's Office to draft language to prohibit events for teenagers under 18 years old at establishments that serve alcohol.

MEMBER COMMENT

None.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

There is no meeting scheduled for May 2013 at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.