

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

April 20, 2006

1:30 PM

**Special Joint Public Safety/Community Development Committee
C/Braddy, C/Donovan, C/Lowe, C/Chestnut
City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16**

Public Safety Committee

*Commissioner Ed Braddy, Chair
Commissioner Jack Donovan, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The Joint Committee adopt the agenda as presented.

051169**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the March 16, 2006 Public Safety Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**050635****Over-Occupancy in Single Family Neighborhoods (B)**

Explanation: This referral was discussed in a joint Community Development/Public Safety Committee meeting on January 19, 2006. From that meeting, staff has met with police, codes, attorney, community development staff and interested citizens, and has prepared a report of recommendations. These recommendations were also presented to the Community Development Committee on April 6, 2006, with action to defer to the joint CDC/PSC committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Community Development/Public Safety Committee 1) hear a presentation from staff on a report of recommendations for rentals in single family neighborhoods, and 2) take any necessary action to report this out to the full City Commission.

Legislative History

11/14/05	City Commission	Referred (7 - 0)	Community Development Committee
11/14/05	City Commission	Referred	Public Safety Committee
1/19/06	Public Safety Committee	Discussed	
4/6/06	Community Development Committee	Discussed	

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MEMBER COMMENT**CITIZEN COMMENT**

NEW BUSINESS**051080****Funding for Construction of New Gainesville Police Department Community Policing and Training Center and Renovation to Existing Facilities (NB)**

This item requests the City Commission approval of funding for the construction of a new Gainesville Police Department Community Policing and Training Center and Renovation to Existing Facilities.

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

Explanation: At the City Commission retreat in 2004 and as part of their goal-setting session, a new police facility was identified as a priority. A spatial needs assessment was conducted and it was determined the need was for approximately 140,000 square feet of building space to be located on approximately 4.74 to 7.15 acres. The total estimated cost for the project, not including the land acquisition, was approximately \$23,000,000. Due to the high cost of building a new facility, GPD staff looked for alternatives and, as a result, recommended pursuing the purchase of adjacent property to expand the GPD facility.

On February 14, 2005, the City Commission authorized the funding for purchase of a new Gainesville Police Department Annex and construction and renovation to existing facilities. To facilitate the purchase, the City Commission added this project to the First Florida Governmental Financing Commission Revenue Bond, Series 2005. After careful consideration, staff determined that the Walker Furniture building, located directly adjacent to the current GPD facility, best served the purpose for the addition to the GPD facility. Staff negotiated a purchase price of \$925,000 for the Walker Furniture Building, located at 413 NW 8th Avenue. The structure has approximately 14,000 square feet of space and 50 additional parking spaces.

During the Walker Building negotiations, staff became aware of the availability of additional adjacent properties in the Voyle's building complex, located directly southeast of the Walker building at 761 NW 5th Street. Staff negotiated a purchase price of \$640,000. The purchase of this additional building and property would allow the Gainesville Police Department to turn one of the block buildings into an indoor firing range and to erect a new building to house the Training Unit and a Community Oriented Policing Center, complete with defensive tactic labs and classrooms, as well as a large community meeting room and mediation room to further facilitate community oriented policing.

On June 13, 2005, the City Commission approved the contract and purchase for the Walker Building, and on September 12, 2005, the City Commission approved the contract and purchase of the Voyles property. The Department is currently in the pre-construction phase (drafting blueprints) for the renovation of the Walker Building and the interior renovations of the current GPD facility. The Department is also in the preliminary planning stages for the construction of a new building on the Voyles property to house a Community Oriented

Policing and Training Center, as well as renovation and conversion of the Food Bank (also located on the Voyles Property) to an indoor firing range. At the conclusion of this multi-phase project, the GPD campus will include a separate facility to house the Department's Administrative Offices (Walker Building), a renovated Police Operations Center (Current GPD facility), a newly constructed Community Oriented Policing and Training Center, and an indoor firing range and simulation center (Voyles property). The newly constructed Community Oriented Policing and Training Center will be a two-story building which will serve as a location for community meetings and mediation facilities on the first floor and training classrooms and offices on the second floor.

This \$3,500,000 request will be added to the City Commission's previous allocations for this project which include: \$1,000,000 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund, \$2,500,000 from the First Florida Governmental Financing Commission Revenue Bond, Series 2005, and \$2,366,000 from the recently approved Capital Improvement Revenue Bond, Series 2005. Total estimated cost for the project is \$9,366,000.

Fiscal Note: Funds for this project 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 available balance is \$4,349,828.37.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the appropriation and funding for the construction and renovation expenses related to the Gainesville Police Department's current and new facilities.

051155

Federal LECFTF Funding for Special Investigations Division - Confidential Funds Enhancement (NB)

This item requests City Commission approval for funding the purchase of illegal narcotics and investigative expenses in connection with the enforcement efforts of the Gainesville Police Department's Special Investigations Division.

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

Explanation: The Special Investigations Division requests an enhancement of confidential funds for the purchase of illegal narcotics and investigative expenses. This enhancement will assist in the suppression of narcotics distribution throughout the city. The expenditure request for the Confidential Funds Enhancement is \$20,000.

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 \$849,828.00.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the Special Investigations Division Confidential Funds Enhancement.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission approve an amount less than the \$20,000 requested.

Alternative Recommendation B: None.

051166**Federal LECFTF Funding for Joint Aviation Unit Helicopter Maintenance Components (NB)**

This item requests City Commission approval for funding the purchase of helicopter components that are required for the safe operation of GPD's helicopter.

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

Explanation: On July 8, 1996, the City Commission approved the Inter-Agency Agreement for a Joint Aviation Unit between the Alachua County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) and the City of Gainesville's Police Department. The Gainesville Police Department Aviation Unit operates one OH-6 helicopter and staffs one full-time aircrew (pilot and tactical flight officer). This request is to purchase two (2) replacement components for GPD's OH-6 helicopter that have reached their limited component life: a tail boom and upper vertical stabilizer. Both parts must be replaced based on manufacturer and FAA maintenance standards, and they are required for operation of the helicopter. The cost for these two (2) components, including shipping and painting, is \$22,000.

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 this account is \$829,828.37.

RECOMMENDATION

The City Commission approve the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$22,000 from the Federal Law Enforcement Contraband Forfeiture Trust Fund for the purchase of Maintenance Components for the Joint Aviation Unit.

Alternative Recommendation A: The City Commission decline approval of this request with the understanding that the helicopter will not be operable.

Alternative Recommendation B: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 18, 2006, 1:30 p.m. (Note: New Committee assignments may necessitate a change to this meeting date and time)

ADJOURNMENT