

City of Gainesville

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200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Minutes - Final

Monday, August 24, 2015

3:00 PM

City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16

Public Safety Committee

*Commissioner Helen Warren, Chair
Commissioner Charles Goston, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****150073.**

Approval of April 27, 2015 Public Safety Committee Minutes (B)

The minutes of the April 27, 2015 PSC meeting were approved by consensus.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Approved as Recommended

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS**140354.****Gainesville Fire Rescue Special Sprinkler Initiative (B)**

This item provides an update from Gainesville Fire Rescue on efforts to increase the use of home sprinkler systems. *ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES*

Interim Deputy Fire Chief JoAnne Rice gave a presentation on the need for residential sprinkler systems.

Citizen Donald Shepherd spoke to the issue.

The Public Safety Committee voted to forward this referral back to the full City Commission with the following recommendations: 1) the Commission receive the presentation on Residential Automatic Fire Sprinklers from GFR staff; 2) recommend the City Commission direct staff to create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to educate and inform the public on the benefits and myths of home fire sprinklers; 3) request the City Manager prepare a increment package for the next budget year for an economic impact study to identify additional incentives for homeowners, builders, and developers; 4) direct staff to look at City involved new housing construction regulations to include sprinkler systems; 5) direct staff to look at grants and other funding sources to retrofit existing residential structures for sprinkler systems; and 6) remove this item from the Public Safety Committee's referral list.

RECOMMENDATION

- *Continue to emphasize awareness through public education efforts on the benefits and myths of home fire sprinklers*
- *Continue on a case-by-case basis to work with the building department to identify assembly alternatives provided with-in the Building and Fire Codes to decrease costs to install home fire sprinklers*
- *Identify funding to conduct an economic impact study*

- *Conduct an economic impact study as required by Florida Statute 633 specific to Gainesville to identify additional incentives for homeowners, builders and developers to be used in a local ordinance*

Discussed

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.