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Police Advisory Council Recommendations for the Gainesville Police Department to the General Policy Committee (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to hear a presentation from the Police Advisory Council.

****ESTIMATED PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES****

In January 2014 the Police Advisory Council (PAC) was formed and charged with providing the City Manager with a comprehensive review of their interactions with young black males. This charge was adjusted as the PAC learned of new initiatives across the country related to the charge and recommendations for decreasing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC). The PAC learned that DMC is an issue facing numerous communities across the country. Disproportionate Minority Contact has recently been further adjusted to the more acceptable title of Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED).

The PAC learned much during the previous year as they researched, read reports, heard testimony, listened to audio blogs, and most of all received information from Gainesville Police Chief Tony Jones. It was clear during the course of the year that communities across the country are struggling with this same issue. What the Police Advisory Council discovered from their work was that Chief Jones is recognized as one of the national experts on this topic.

On December 18, 2014, a final report was presented to the City Commission that provided background information, the Police Advisory Council's approach to the charge, a schedule of their work, and recommendations. The City Commission approved that the recommendations be discussed by the General Policy Committee for consideration to support funding for the recommendations.

On September 9, 2016, a presentation was made to the General Policy Committee and Mayor Poe requested that the Police Advisory Council review the 2009 Noble Management Inspection Audit and Analysis of the Gainesville Police Department and last year's Mayor's Ad hoc Community Response Council recommendations to compare and develop a document representative of all three efforts.

The fiscal aspect will depend on decisions made by the City Commission to fund the recommendations of the Police Advisory Council.

The City Commission: 1) hear a presentation from a Police Advisory Council member regarding the recommendations from the Police Advisory Council, Mayor's Ad hoc Community Response Council and NOBLE reports; and 2) determine whether to move forward on the recommendations.