

City of Gainesville

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



Meeting Agenda

January 11, 2016

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**[150554.](#)**Approval of August 24, 2015 Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting as submitted.

[150554_PSC Minutes Aug 24 2015_20151123](#)

[150670.](#)**Approval of November 23, 2015 Public Safety Committee Minutes (B)****RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Safety Committee approve the minutes of the November 23, 2015 meeting as submitted.

[150670_November 23 PSC Draft Minutes_20160111](#)

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS[140840.](#)**Underage Drinking Ordinance (B)**

Estimated time of presentation 15 minutes.

Explanation: At the February 19, 2015 City Commission meeting, Commissioner Poe requested that the Underage Drinking Ordinance be referred to the Public Safety Committee for discussion. Under the current ordinance, which has been in effect since 2009, the City has the ability to issue an underage prohibition order which has the effect of prohibiting patrons under the age of 21 in an establishment that has a certain number of underage drinking incidents. However, several prohibition orders issued by the City have been challenged and an administrative hearing officer rescinded the orders. As a result, the City is not currently issuing prohibition orders.

The Public Safety Committee discussed this referral at their meetings on April 7 and April 27, 2015 with several business owners in attendance. The Public Safety Committee voted by consensus to recommend that the City Commission direct the City Attorney to draft amendments to the Underage Drinking Ordinance so that the ordinance achieves the

desired intent and is enforceable by limiting access to bars for those under 21 (18-20 year olds) until 10 p.m. unless a special permit is issued by the City. Bars found in violation of the ordinance could be denied permits allowing those under 21 in the bars after 10 p.m.

At the request of Public Safety Committee Chair Commissioner Warren, the Committee will hear an update on the proposed changes to the City's Underage Drinking Ordinance and invite representatives from the University of Florida and Santa Fe College to take part in the discussion.

Fiscal Note: None.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee hear a presentation from staff outlining the proposed changes to the Underage Drinking Ordinance that would prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from being in a bar or entering a bar after 10 p.m. unless a permit has been issued by the City.

Legislative History

2/19/15	City Commission	Referred to the Public Safety Committee
4/7/15	Public Safety Committee	Discussed
4/27/15	Public Safety Committee	Discussed
6/18/15	City Commission	Referred to the General Policy Committee

[140840b Alcohol Related Arrests 010114 to 032415 20150521](#)

[140840 UnderageDrinkingHistoricalReview 20150407](#)

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[140840a UnderageDrinkingHistoricalReview 20150521](#)

[140840a Underage Prohibition Presentation 20160111](#)

[140840b Naperville Bar Info 20160111](#)

[140840c IA Scanning Waterford 20160111](#)

[140840d Utah State Law 20160111](#)

[150516.](#)

Mexican Restaurant/Sprinkler System/Fire Sprinkler Requirements (B)

This item provides information on the Florida Building Code requirements for fire sprinkler protection. *ESTIMATED STAFF PRESENTATION 15 MINUTES*

Explanation: In August 2015, a local establishment, La Pasadita Mexican Grille at 4126 NW 6th Street, expanded into a neighboring suite and increased its occupant load to 91. The business is seeking a full liquor license; however, in Alachua County, this would require seating of 100 or more

people. The owner was informed by the City's Building Department that altering the floor plan to accommodate more than 100 people would require fire sprinkler protection based on the Florida Building Code. Representatives of the business brought their concerns to the City Commission meeting on November 5, 2015 and the Commission referred the issue to the Public Safety Committee.

Gainesville Fire Rescue has prepared a presentation on fire sprinkler requirements and will provide the Committee with an update on the issue.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee hear the presentation and provide staff direction.

Legislative History

11/5/15 City Commission Referred to the Public Safety Committee

[150516 GFR Comm Fire Sprinkler PPT 20160111](#)

[150665.](#)

Public Safety Committee Current Referral List (B)

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Safety Committee discuss the remaining pending referrals for Committee.

[150665 Pending PSC Referrals List Updated 12 17 15 20160111](#)

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, February 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT