

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

September 9, 2014

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### In Attendance

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Councilman Moses Freeman, Committee Chair; Council Chairman Chip Henderson; Vice Chair Dr. Carol Berz; Council members: Chris Anderson, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, Yusuf Hakeem, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith; Deputy City Attorney Phil Noblett

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### Others in Attendance

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Mayor's Office: Brent Goldberg, Chief Operating Officer; Council Clerk's Office: Randy Burns, Management Analyst, and Nicole Gwyn, CMC, Deputy Clerk

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### Approval of Minutes

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**On motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes from the last meeting (July 22, 2014) were approved as published.

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### Agenda/Purpose

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Councilman Freeman opened the meeting for the purpose of discussing amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance. He introduced Mike Mallen of the Animal Control Board and Attorney Melinda Foster of the City Attorney's Office, who gave a visual presentation on the "Animal Permit Ordinance." Their slide headings included the following:

- Purpose and process
- General overview
- Role of the Animal Control Board
- Next Steps

They responded to Council's questions after the presentation.

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### Presentation

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Mr. Mallen and Attorney Foster gave a visual presentation entitled, "Animal Permit Ordinance." Their slide headings included the following:

- Purpose and process
- General overview
- Role of the Animal Control Board
- Next Steps

After an introductory statement and general overview by Mr. Mallen, Attorney Foster described the various types of animal permits described in the ordinance. A discussion ensued about the course of redress regarding nuisances, whether cases would go through city court or civil court. Further discussion ensued

about noise and the distance of animal breeders from neighborhoods. The subject was referred to Planning and Zoning Committee.

Due the number of questions related to barking dogs, Councilman Freeman instructed that barking would not be discussed as part of the permitting process at this time. Further discussion ensued about the permitting process and the selection of the Animal Control Board.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Freeman adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**(A full digital audio of this meeting has been  
filed in the Clerk of the Council's office)**