

**COMMUNITY PROTECTION & SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**March 20, 2014**

A meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Fett in Council Chambers, City Hall. **Roll Call:** Members Mr. Fett and Mr. Wiesner and Mr. Ireland were present. Also present were Mayor Birmingham, Police Chief Porter, Captain Brinkman, Attorney Jon Pinkert, City Administrator McNeil, and SBPD Office Manager Spude-Olson.

Moved by Mr. Ireland, seconded by Mr. Wiesner to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll call.
2. Adoption of agenda.
3. Discussion of: Noise ordinance
4. Discussion of: Request to change the Transient Merchant Fee
5. Adjourn

Carried.

Discussion of: Noise Ordinance

Police Chief Porter reviewed with the committee the current city ordinance (10.09) involving noise. The main areas of discussion included; time of day, decibel readings, and whether or not an area is zoned residential or commercial.

*Reference materials: packet handed out containing noise ordinances from other U.S. cities; an exhibit of the map of Sturgeon Bay zoning districts.*

Two main areas of discussion included Kitty O'Reilly's and John Miles Park.

Mr. Wiesner questioned how noise violations are measured in a commercial zone; and whether residents who live in commercial zones have protection. Attorney Pinkert answered stating the noise ordinance is measured from the closest residential zoned area, from the loudest possible spot; a house in a commercially zoned area will have noise reading measured from the closest residentially zoned area. Excessive noise to a resident living on a commercially zoned property has no protection.

Attorney Pinkert stated if changes to the ordinance are created, it must apply to all areas zoned commercial. Over the summer, the police department will collect more data regarding noise complaints; and take decibel readings of other venues that may cause a disturbance (i.e. Harmony by the Bay, John Miles Park and other outdoor venues). Mayor Birmingham stated the measurements must be taken in a consistent manner.

It was decided by the committee that more information needs to be collected; guidelines need to be established on how noise readings will be collected. The discussion will be brought back at the next meeting.

Discussion of: Request to change the Transient Merchant Fee

Mr. Fett reviewed a letter sent from a local food truck vendor requesting to have the Transient Merchant Fee reduced. The current fee charges \$55 per person per month; which includes background checks. There are no other merchants who have a problem with the fee. After discussion, Mr. Fett, Mr. Wiesner and Mr. Ireland decided to make no changes to the current transient merchant permitting fees. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wiesner, seconded by Mr. Ireland to adjourn the meeting of the Community Protection Services Committee. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Spude-Olson  
Police Department  
Administrative Office Manager  
March 24, 2014 at 3:20pm