

**MINUTES
ORDINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL, ROOM 215
TELEPHONIC & IN-PERSON
December 7, 2020**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Ordinance Subcommittee of the City Council and Water Pollution Control Authority was held at City Hall in Room 215 on Monday, December 7, 2020. The meeting was attended in-person by Chairman Frank Rubino, Councilwoman Anne Ruwet and Corporation Counsel Victor Muschell. Councilman Paul Cavagnero and Police Chief William Baldwin, Jr. joined by phone.

Chairman Rubino called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Discussion Regarding Noise Ordinance

On a motion by Chairman Rubino, seconded by Councilwoman Ruwet, the committee discussed the possibility of advancing the draft noise ordinance to the City Council to schedule a public hearing. Councilman Cavagnero expressed his concerns regarding potential issues with enforcement, implementation and training police officers. Chief Baldwin clarified that statutes requiring warrants to enter people's homes would still apply and he acknowledged that an ordinance would provide the TPD with some ground for enforcement. Councilman Cavagnero also expressed concern regarding the need to offer exceptions for special events and the Chief noted that the "Variances" section of the draft ordinance already addressed special occasions where regulations for the control of noise could be temporarily lifted. Councilwoman Ruwet stated that she was not comfortable advancing the draft ordinance to the City Council yet and she expressed her concerns about equipment costs. Chairman Rubino suggested that the police officers utilize decibel-reading applications on their mobile devices but Chief Baldwin noted that the validity of personal phone-based decibel readers could be challenged in legal proceedings. Councilwoman Ruwet requested cost estimates for the equipment that the TPD would need to purchase and the committee agreed to hold off on advancing the draft ordinance to the City Council.


Business by Committee Members

Chairman Rubino opened the meeting up to business by the committee members but no business was presented or discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Councilwoman Ruwet, seconded by Councilman Cavagnero, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. City Clerk

ATTEST: 
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CITY CLERK