

**AD HOC REPORT
Noise Ordinance**

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Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
Common Council Members

July 24, 2007

Chairwoman Pauline Basso called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Councilmen Fred Visconti and Shay Nagarsheth were in attendance. Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; ex officio members Lynn Taborsak, N. Jane Diggs, and Duane Perkins along with members of the public were also in attendance.

Mrs. Basso stated that the call of the Committee was to review the request from Councilmen Visconti and Perkins to amend the Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Visconti gave an overview of the request for the amendment stating that complaints have been received from residents in the Long Ridge Road and Southern Boulevard areas about loud motor vehicle noise in the early morning hours, in particular from trash haulers. He also stated that the complaints regarding the loud music have been referred to the U.N.I.T.

Atty. Pinter advised that in 2006 the ordinance was amended and language regarding noise generated by motor vehicles was deleted at that time. He stated that two points should be considered: #1, practical issues such as traffic interruptions and #2, legal issues, such as the impact to a commercial enterprise. Any proposed changes to the ordinance would be subject to review by the DEP.

Discussion followed regarding the most appropriate manner in which to address the issue at hand. Mr. Nagarsheth suggested that a letter be sent to the trash haulers explaining the concerns of the City. Atty. Pinter stated that the suggestion was a prudent move,

Mrs. Waller suggested that the Mayor ask HRRRA, of which the City is a member, to send letters to the trash haulers stating the concerns and requesting voluntary action to remedy the concerns of the City and the residents.

Mr. Nagarsheth moved to authorize the appropriate Corporation Counsel to send a letter to area trash haulers addressing the morning noise concerns as a first step to remedy the complaints. Mr. Visconti amended the motion to include Mrs. Waller's suggestion to send the letter through the HRRRA. Mr. Nagarsheth seconded the amended motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Nagarsheth moved to adjourn at 6:59 P.M. Second by Mr. Visconti. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Basso, Chairwoman

Fred Visconti

Shay Nagarsheth