

COMMUNITY PROTECTION & SERVICES COMMITTEE
August 5, 2019

A meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Williams in the Council Chambers, City Hall. **Roll Call:** Members Mr. Williams, Ms. Reeths and Mr. Wiederanders were present. Also present were Mayor Ward, Mr. VanLieshout, Chief Porter, Captain Brinkman and Alderperson Nault.

Moved by Ms. Reeths seconded by Mr. Wiederanders to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items
4. Discussion of: Café Permitting Process
5. Consideration of: Ordinance Regarding Vaping (Proposed Chapter 10.35)
6. Consideration of: Review of Noise Ordinance and Current Exemptions
7. Consideration of: Ordinance 25.04 for Possession of Marijuana
8. Consideration of: Chapter 36 – Code of Ethics to Allow for Alternate to the Ethics Board
9. Consideration of: Methods of Communicating with Residents Regarding Ordinance Violations
10. Adjourn

Public Comment

None.

Café Permits

City Clerk holds the application process for café sidewalk permits, along with certain rules and regulations to follow once a permit is obtained. The Committee discussed whether specifics, such as square footage allowed, should be included. Chapter 10 of the City's Municipal code addresses concerns regarding blocked walkways. At this time, most sidewalk café's are compliant, having no issues. A concern with Sonny's Pizzeria's outdoor seating was discussed, and no issue was brought forward. Currently, enforcement of the permits are strictly complaint driven; rules for compliance are easily enforceable. At this time the Committee does not feel compelled to make any changes to the ordinance.

It was decided to not do anything at this time, but instead keep the issue on the radar. Mr. VanLieshout is going to have staff log any complaints that come in. If needed, further discussion will happen at a later time.

Vaping Ordinance

Chapter 10.35 of the Sturgeon Bay Code of Ordinances – Possession of Tobacco and Vapor Products By Minors – was discussed and decided upon as it's own ordinance, rather than amending the tobacco ordinance to include vaping.

Moved by Mr. Wiederanders, seconded by Ms. Reeths, to recommend the Common Council approve and move forward with the first reading of Chapter 10.35 of the Sturgeon Bay Code of Ordinances – Possession of Tobacco and Vapor Products by Minors. All ayes. Carried.

Noise Ordinance

Discussion of this item was brought forward by Ald. Hayes, who was not present to speak at the meeting. Based on the lack of information, and the exemptions already noted in the ordinance, it was decided to withdraw the topic unless further notice.

Possession of Marijuana Ordinance

Mr. Wiederanders brought back for reconsideration of Ordinance 25.04 for Possession of Marijuana, and to clarify the proposed amendments. Mr. Wiederanders proposes a change in the ordinance to mimic that for open intoxicants. The amendment would alleviate fines to \$0 for possess of less than 1 oz. of marijuana on private property – 1st offense, but courts costs would still be assessed.

Moved by Mr. Wiederanders, seconded by Ms. Reeths, to recommend the Common Council approve the amendment to Chapter 25.04 of the Sturgeon Bay Code of Ordinances, Penalties for Possession of Marijuana. All ayes. Carried.

Code of Ethics

Mr. Williams stated Mayor Ward requested adding two alternates to the Ethics Board membership. Alternates can temporarily replace a standing appointee when prior notification that a standing appointee will not be available to attend a called meeting of the Ethics Board. It was suggested to add wording to Chapter 36.06(1) Membership at the end of the second sentence which outlines the appointment terms.

Moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Reeths, to recommend the Common Council approve the amendment to Chapter 36.06(1) of the Sturgeon Bay Code of Ordinances, regarding Membership, to read: “Two additional members can be appointed by the Mayor as alternates to the Board.” All ayes. Carried.

Methods of Communication with Residents

Ald. Nault, 711 Hickory Street, Sturgeon Bay – cited examples of ordinance violations that he sees occurring that he feels public notices and reminders could take care of (ex. grass clippings left on street and trailers parked longer than 48 hour limit). Ideas suggested to make residents aware include: notifications on website, “did you know” section in City newsletter and press releases regarding seasonal topics.

Mr. VanLieshout will have Municipal Services staff add the “did you know” section to the newsletter that is mailed with utility bills.

Moved by Mr. Wiederanders, seconded by Ms. Reeths, to adjourn the meeting of the Community Protection Services Committee. All ayes. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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