

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022, 4:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.

PRESENT: Mayor Brenda Ash
Commissioner Anita Grove
Commissioner Despina George
Commissioner Adriane Elliott
Commissioner Donna Duncan
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Dan Hartman, Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brenda Ash called the workshop to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments consisted of the following: numerous citizens oppose the change to the current Ordinance 2015-01; enforcement of the ordinance; lawn care machines; downtown music being heard in residential areas; and business hours if sound increase be reviewed.

NOISE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Chief Bobby Varnes stated his concerns of enforcing the Ordinance by law and not complaint driven. Attorney Dan Hartman stated he followed direction of what the Commission asked and what Mr. Zingarelli had given him. Attorney Hartman stated that proposed changes to the Noise Ordinance were by strike through (shows deleted wording) and underline (added wording), further stating the points of discussion are the decibels, which is the way it is measured between DBA or DBC. Attorney Hartman stated that if there are any typos between the two, they will be corrected. Commission comments consisted of the following: 1) legal apps for measuring sound – cell phone app or the instrument the police use at this time; 2) commercial and residential area – source of measurement; 3) confirm that Industrial is Riverfront (RF); 4) increased fines for violation – based on Florida statute; 5) more criteria to special event permit. Mayor Ash, Commissioners Grove, Duncan and George are not in favor in changing the Noise Ordinance. Commissioner Elliott is in favor of change to the Noise Ordinance. Attorney Hartman will make changes as discussed by this Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action, Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting.

Brenda Ash, Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk