



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President  
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

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**MINUTES**  
**MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton**  
**Wednesday May 21, 2014**

**Called to Order.** Called to order by Municipal and Public Affairs Committee Chair Motsavage at 5:33pm.

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage (Committee Chair), Joseph Mihalko, Lea Webb (Committee Member), John Matzo, (Committee Member), Bill Berg

**Council Members Absent:** Teri Rennia; Chris Papastrat (arrived at 5:35pm)

**Also Present:** David Eggleston, Assistant Police Chief; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy C. Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk; Allison Sosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Corporation Counsel

**ITEMS CONSIDERED**

**Discussion.** The Municipal and Public Affairs Committee reviewed existing noise regulations. Councilman Motsavage proposed drafting new legislation which would eliminate decibel limits, and would instead regulate noise by what is “plainly audible”. The legislation would need to establish allowable noise limits by determining what is plainly audible at a certain distance from the source of the noise. Mr. Pelletier will determine the average distance used in other municipalities’ noise ordinances. Councilman Motsavage also noted that the proposed legislation should clarify the purpose of a noise permit or variance, and that such permission would allow the applicant to exceed a certain time limit instead of a decibel limit.

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 6:04pm.

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Papastrat.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**