



# City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

## Minutes - Final Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, September 6, 2011

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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### 9:00 a.m. Hearings

#### Special Tax Assessments

#### 9/7 City Council

- 1     [RLH TA 11-283](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1111, Assessment No. 118082 at 1201 COOK AVENUE EAST

**Sponsors:**     Bostrom

*Delete the assessment.*

*RE: 1201 Cook Ave E (single family)*

*Charles Parks and Kelly Best, personal representative of the estate of James Mulvaney (Mr. Mulvaney's daughter)*

*Inspector Joe Yannarely:*

- *Registered Vacant Building fee \$1,100 plus service charge \$135 for a total of \$1,235*
- *VB file opened Mar 25, 2011*
- *water has been shut off since 2009*
- *mail was returned May 11, 2011 and Apr 27, 2011*

*Mr. Parks:*

- *Ms. Best knew nothing about the Condemnation*
- *Ms. Best did not get a notice about the water being shut-off, which seems to be the only basis for the Vacant status*
- *is not aware of any violations on the property*
- *asking for it to be taken off the VB list and have the VB fee waived*
- *water is back on*
- *think it was Condemned because no one was living there and the water had been shut off*

*Ms. Best:*

- *water would not change the address into her name for billing because she was not the personal representative until July*
- *they had already turned the water off to most of the fixtures to avoid leaks*

- they have been maintaining the property
- nbrs would alert her if and when any issues arose
- will sell or rent it (has just begun to look into it because she couldn't do anything while it was in probate)
- will be re-occupied this fall in 6-8 weeks

Ms. Moermond:

- would like to see this house re-occupied soon
- will recommend the assessment be deleted  
(discovered vacant Mar 2011; St Paul Water noted that there was no usage since 2009; mail was returned)
- will re-check again in 6 months; if not re-occupied at that time, the City will process it again

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/7/2011**

## 9/21 City Council

- 2      **RLH AR 11-59**      Ratifying Collection of Vacant Building service from March 2011 at 998 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. VB1109A, Asmt No. 118113) [Laid over from July 06, 2011 for separate consideration to Legislative Hearing September 06, 2011 and City Council Public Hearing September 21, 2011]

**Sponsors:**      Bostrom

*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 3      **RLH AR 11-73**      Ratifying Collection of Certificate of Occupancy fees from June 2011. (File No. CRT1107, Asmt No. 118095)

**Sponsors:**      Lantry

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 4      **RLH AR 11-74**      Ratifying Collection of Vacant Building fees from June 2011. (File No. VB1112, Asmt No. 118097)

**Sponsors:**      Lantry

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 5      **RLH AR 11-75**      Ratifying Install of Gas Flow Valve services during July to September 2010. (File No. FV1101, Asmt No. 118101)

**Sponsors:**      Lantry

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 6      **RLH AR 11-76**      Ratifying Property Clean Up services during June 01 to June 29, 2011. (File No. J1115A, Asmt No. 118103)

**Sponsors:** Lantry

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 7      **RLH AR 11-77**      Ratifying Demolition services during June 2011. (File No. J1115C, Asmt No. 118106)

**Sponsors:** Lantry

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 8      **RLH AR 11-94**      Ratifying Property Clean Up service on May 17, 2011 at 909-910 CHARLOTTE STREET. (File No. J1114A1, Assessment No. 118130) [Laid over from August 17, 2011 for separate consideration to Legislative Hearing September 06, 2001 and Public Hearing September 21, 2011]

**Sponsors:** Stark

*Reduce the assessment from \$608.00 to \$458.00. (See file RLH TA 11-275 also)*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 9      **RLH TA 11-275**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1114A, Assessment No. 118086 at 908-910 CHARLOTTE STREET.

**Sponsors:** Stark

*Reduce the assessment from \$608.00 to \$458.00. (See file RLH AR 11-94 also)*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 10     **RLH TA 11-309**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 651 BURR STREET.

**Sponsors:** Bostrom

*Delete the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 11     **RLH TA 11-301**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1112, Assessment No. 118097 at 605 COMO AVENUE.

**Sponsors:** Helgen

*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 12     **RLH TA 11-276**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 1518 CONCORDIA AVENUE.

**Sponsors:** Carter III

*Delete the assessment per DSI for improper notification and no orders.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 13      **RLH TA 11-285**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 779 CORTLAND PLACE.

**Sponsors:**      Helgen

*Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 14      **RLH TA 11-307**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No.118103 at 953 FREMONT AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**      Lantry

*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 15      **RLH TA 11-293**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1112, Assessment No. 118097 at 973 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:**      Bostrom

*Reduce the assessment from \$1,235.00 to \$617.50.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 16      **RLH TA 11-294**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 1155 HAGUE AVE.

**Sponsors:**      Carter III

*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 17      **RLH TA 11-303**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1112, Assessment No.118097 at 823 IROQUOIS AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**      Lantry

*Delete the assessment as Code Compliance was issued one month after the anniversary date (5/27/11).*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 18      **RLH TA 11-308**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 1171 JACKSON STREET.

**Sponsors:**      Helgen

*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 19      **RLH TA 11-310**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 93 KIPLING STREET.

**Sponsors:**      Lantry

*Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 20      **RLH TA 11-292**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1112, Assessment No.118097 at 315 LARCH STREET.

**Sponsors:**      Helgen

*Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 21      **RLH TA 11-306**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No.118103 at 255 MARIA AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**      Lantry

*Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 22      **RLH TA 11-311**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No.118103 758 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:**      Bostrom

*Delete the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 23      **RLH TA 11-278**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 1036 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:**      Lantry

*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 24      **RLH TA 11-289**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 1254 RAYMOND AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**      Stark

*Rescheduled to Legislative Hearing on September 20. City Council is on September 21. Recommendation is forthcoming.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

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- 25      **RLH TA 11-302**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1112, Assessment No.118097 at 1006 REANEY AVENUE.  
  
**Sponsors:**      Lantry  
  
*Reduce the assessment from \$1,235.00 to \$617.50.*  
  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**
- 26      **RLH TA 11-291**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1112, Assessment No. 118097 at 1072 SEVENTH STREET WEST.  
  
**Sponsors:**      Thune  
  
*Delete the assessment because Inspector Senty gave an extension that was not recorded.*  
  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**
- 27      **RLH TA 11-282**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 1126 SIXTH STREET EAST.  
  
**Sponsors:**      Lantry  
  
*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*  
  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**
- 28      **RLH TA 11-300**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1112, Assessment No.118097 at 818 STEWART AVENUE.  
  
**Sponsors:**      Thune  
  
*Reduce the assessment from \$1,235.00 to \$617.50.*  
  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**
- 29      **RLH TA 11-279**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 277 TOPPING STREET.  
  
**Sponsors:**      Helgen  
  
*Delete the assessment.*  
  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**
- 30      **RLH TA 11-280**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No. 118103 at 821 WATSON AVENUE.  
  
**Sponsors:**      Thune  
  
*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*  
  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**
- 31      **RLH TA 11-312**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1115A, Assessment No.118103 at 1203 WOODBRIDGE STREET.
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**Sponsors:** Helgen

*No one appeared. Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 32      **RLH AR 11-95**      Ratifying Certificate of Occupancy fee from April 2011 at 110 LITCHFIELD STREET. (File No. CRT1106A, Assessment No. 118129) [Laid over from August 17, 2011 for separate consideration to Legislative Hearing September 06, 2011 and Public Hearing September 21, 2011]

**Sponsors:** Helgen

*Reduce the assessment from \$448.50 to \$396.00. (See File RLH TA 11-274)*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 33      **RLH TA 11-274**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1106, Assessment No. ~~448076~~ 118129 at 110 LITCHFIELD STREET.

**Sponsors:** Helgen

*Reduce the assessment from \$448.50 to \$396.00. (See File RLH AR 11-95)*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 34      **RLH TA 11-298**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1107, Assessment No. 118905 at 425 FRONT AVENUE.

**Sponsors:** Helgen

*Delete the assessment per DSI.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 35      [RLH TA 11-304](#)      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1107, Assessment No. 118905 at 1583 HAZELWOOD STREET.

**Sponsors:** Bostrom

*Laid over to September 12.*

**Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/12/2011**

- 36      **RLH TA 11-297**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1107, Assessment No. 118905 at 545 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:** Thune

*Delete the assessment because bill was sent to prior owners.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 37      **RLH TA 11-295**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1107, Assessment No. 118905 at 24 SUSAN AVENUE.

**Sponsors:** Harris

*Reduce the assessment from \$535 to \$365.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 38      **RLH TA 11-299**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1107, Assessment No. 118905 at 869 THIRD STREET EAST.

**Sponsors:** Lantry

*Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 39      **RLH TA 11-296**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1107, Assessment No. 118905 at 868 WINTHROP STREET SOUTH.

**Sponsors:** Lantry

*On September 2, Appellant called and indicated that he sent a written statement for his appeal. As of September 6, nothing was received. Approve the assessment.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

## 11:00 a.m. Hearings

### Summary Abatement Orders

- 40      **RLH CO 11-17**      Appeal of Tom Anderson to a Correction Notice at 2179 BENSON AVENUE.

**Sponsors:** Harris

*Grant the appeal on the condition that Appellant expand the garden to fill more of the parcel and the garage can stay. Ms. Moermond grant an extension to November 30, 2011 to demolish the shed. (Joel Essling)*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 9/21/2011**

- 41      **RLH SAO 11-23**      Appeal of Jonathan Proctor to a Summary Abatement Order at 775 WHEELER STREET NORTH.

**Sponsors:** Stark

*The owner of 775 Wheeler St N is in compliance and no longer needs to appeal the summary abatement order I issued on 8-17-11. Ed Smith and Appellant worked out a deal that would save his yard/boulevard plantings by installing decorative fencing/small retaining wall. The work has been completed and Ed Smith has closed the complaint. (Ed Smith)*

**Withdrawn**

### Orders To Vacate, Condemnations and Revocations





- 46      [RLH FCO  
11-195](#)      Appeal of Dan Walsh to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 652 IGLEHART AVENUE.  
  
            Sponsors:      Carter III  
  
            *All work are completed. (Lisa Martin)*  
  
            **Withdrawn**
- 47      [RLH FCO  
11-326](#)      Appeal of Bee Vue to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 107 FRONT AVENUE.  
  
            Sponsors:      Helgen  
  
            *No show; however; Ms. Moermond reviewed the appeal on the ceiling height and recommended denying the appeal.*  
  
            *RE: 107 Front Ave (single family)*  
  
            *Fire Inspector Urmann:*  
            - he missed the previous hearing, as well  
            - 120 total sq ft area  
            - height of ceiling over majority is 6'8" (vs 7')  
            - it's a slanted ceiling  
  
            *Mai Vang:*  
            - he called to say he missed the hearing and wanted to re-scheduled, so she did  
            - he will not be re-scheduled again  
  
            *Ms. Moermond:*  
            - ceiling - one point is 5'4"; the other point 6'8" - majority of the room is under 6'  
            - will recommend denying the appeal  
  
            **Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011**
- 48      [RLH FCO  
11-327](#)      Appeal of Bee Vue to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 980 CONWAY STREET.  
  
            Sponsors:      Lantry  
  
            *No show; Ms. Moermond will recommend denying the appeal*  
  
            *RE: 980 Conway (duplex)*  
  
            *Fire Inspector Urmann:*  
            - ceiling height in bathroom goes from 8' down to 45"  
  
            *Ms. Moermond:*  
            - just too small  
            - will recommend denying the appeal on ceiling height  
  
            **Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011**
- 49      [RLH FCO  
11-266](#)      Appeal of Judith M. Martin to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 946 GALTIER STREET.  
  
            Sponsors:      Helgen

- 50     [RLH FCO  
11-274](#)     Appeal of Rick Peloquin to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 2069 MANITOU AVENUE.  
  
          Sponsors:     Lantry  
  
          *Rescheduled per Owner's request. (Wayne Spiering)*  
  
          **Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/20/2011**
- 51     RLH FCO  
11-318     Appeal of Brad Nicholas to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 655 and 657 IGLEHART AVENUE.  
  
          Sponsors:     Carter III  
  
          *Grant a variance on the windows; deny the appeal and grant an extension to May 31, 2012 for the porch. (Lisa Martin)*  
  
          **Referred to the City Council due back on 10/5/2011**
- 52     [RLH FCO  
11-325](#)     Appeal of Thomas L. Corrigan to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 1689 STILLWATER AVENUE.  
  
          Sponsors:     Bostrom
- 53     [RLH FCO  
11-333](#)     Appeal of Xiong Pao Chang to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 933 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH  
  
          Sponsors:     Bostrom
- 54     [RLH FCO  
11-335](#)     Appeal of Carrie Micko to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 1171 NORTON STREET.  
  
          Sponsors:     Helgen  
  
          *Laid over for photos of the surrounding neighbors; grant the appeal on the parking space in the back on the condition that you continue to use as the garage as storage only;*  
  
          **Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 9/20/2011**
- 55     [RLH FCO  
11-292](#)     Appeal of Robert Andrews, Twin Cities Real Estate Holdings, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 327-329 AURORA AVENUE.  
  
          Sponsors:     Carter III  
  
          *Ms. Moermond recommended continuing the matter for 6 weeks for staff report; waive the vacant building fee for 90 days. (Lisa Martin)*  
  
          **Laid Over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 10/18/2011**
- 56     [RLH FCO  
11-316](#)     Appeal of Dan Charles-Anthony Hekrdle to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 670 BELLOWS STREET.  
  
          Sponsors:     Thune

**2:30 p.m. Hearings****Vacant Building Registrations**

- 57     [RLH VBR 11-65](#)     Appeal of Allison Kenning to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 736 HAMLIN AVENUE NORTH.

**Sponsors:**     Stark

*The vacant building fee has been paid.*

**Withdrawn**

- 58     [RLH VBR 11-67](#)     Appeal of Lawrence J. Loomis, Trustee, on behalf of Jeanette G. Kamman, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 57 DALE STREET NORTH.

**Sponsors:**     Carter III

- 59     [RLH VBR 11-68](#)     Appeal of Lawrence J. Loomis, Trustee; on behalf of Jeanette G. Kamman; to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 632 HOLLY AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**     Carter III

**Staff Reports (HOUSEKEEPING)**

- 60     [RLH VBR 11-59](#)     Appeal of David Broenen to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 489 HATCH AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**     Helgen

**VBR 11-40 - 565 Thomas Ave**

**FOW 11-45 - 486 Birmingham Street**

**FCO 11-273 - 841 Grand Ave**

**CO 11-13 - 817 Aldine Street**

**RR 11-48 - 554 Charles Avenue**

**Window Variances: No Hearing Necessary**

- 61     [RLH FOW 11-129](#)     Appeal of Sean Bannerman to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection at 251-255 BIRMINGHAM STREET.

**Sponsors:**     Lantry

- 62     [RLH FOW  
11-136](#)     Appeal of Vince Chan to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 585 CLEVELAND AVENUE SOUTH.  
  
          Sponsors:     Harris
- 63     [RLH FOW  
11-134](#)     Appeal of Sandor Gardil to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 972 COOK AVENUE EAST.  
  
          Sponsors:     Bostrom
- 64     [RLH FOW  
11-143](#)     Appeal of Mai Vang to an Egress Window Non-Compliance Determination at 1491 DIETER STREET.  
  
          Sponsors:     Bostrom
- 65     [RLH FOW  
11-137](#)     Appeal of Zuo Zhi, American Medical Research, Inc., to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice (Revised) at 1082 EUCLID STREET.  
  
          Sponsors:     Lantry
- 66     [RLH WP 11-62](#)     Appeal of Ramsey County Department of Public Health, on behalf of Joshua Capistrant, to an Egress Window Non-Compliance Determination 220 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH.  
  
          Sponsors:     Stark
- 67     [RLH FOW  
11-141](#)     Appeal of Cities Home Rentals to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 1775 FIELD AVENUE.  
  
          Sponsors:     Harris
- 68     [RLH FOW  
11-133](#)     Appeal of Joan Lawson to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 1883 HOYT AVENUE EAST.  
  
          Sponsors:     Bostrom
- 69     [RLH FOW  
11-140](#)     Appeal of Kendall Burton to an Egress Window Non-Compliance Determination at 1074 JESSIE STREET.  
  
          Sponsors:     Helgen
- 70     [RLH FOW  
11-131](#)     Appeal of Janet Contursi to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice at 2041 MONTREAL AVENUE.  
  
          Sponsors:     Harris
- 71     [RLH WP 11-60](#)     Appeal of JWB Construction, on behalf of Carew Properties, to an Egress Window Non-Compliance Determination at 1935 OLD HUDSON ROAD, 1949 OLD HUDSON ROAD, and 365 LUELLEA STREET.  
  
          Sponsors:     Lantry
- 72     [RLH WP 11-58](#)     Appeal of Bob Sutherland to an Egress Window Non-Compliance Determination at 2091 PRINCETON AVENUE.

Sponsors: Harris

WP 11-67 - 1937 Jefferson Avenue