



# City of Saint Paul

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## Minutes - Final

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, May 7, 2019

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

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#### 9:00 a.m. Hearings

##### Special Tax Assessments

- 1 [RLH TA 19-95](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1148 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB1907, Assessment No. 198806; amended to File No. VB1907A, Assessment No. 198818) (Public hearing continued from April 17)

**Sponsors:** Busuri

*Forthcoming.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/15/2019**

- 2 [RLH TA 19-199](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 797 IGLEHART AVENUE. (File No. J1907B, Assessment No. 198106; amend to File No. J1907B1, Assessment No. 198113)

**Sponsors:** Thao

*Forthcoming*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/15/2019**

- 3 [RLH TA 19-154](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 995 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. VB1907, Assessment No. 198806; amended to File No. VB1907A, Assessment No. 198818)

**Sponsors:** Prince

*Grant to June 12, 2019 to finish the project and if done, will reduce from \$2284 to \$500.*

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*Roy Carlson, property owner, and Douglas Miller, contractor, appeared.*

*Joe Yannarely, Staff:*

*Cost: \$2127*

*Service Charge: \$157*

Total Assessment: \$2284  
Gold Card Returned by: Roy Carlson  
Type of Order/Fee: VB Fee  
Nuisance: unpaid VB fee  
Work Order #: 18-120513 Inv # 1406945  
Returned Mail?: No  
Comments: VB Category 2 opened 11/6/18 referred by Fire inspector for a revocation of a Fire C of O; No permits or CCI on file

Ms. Moermond:  
Do you have a Fire C of O record, Mr. Yannarely?

Yannarely:  
Huh uh.

Moermond:  
Mr. Carlson, can you tell me where things are at?

Roy Carlson:  
Yes. Approximately 30 days ago, when I brought in the contractor and his papers and the down payment and everything I did with him to get the job done, he asked for 60 days. You'd given us 30 days, approximately. In that time, of course everyone knows we had a snowstorm in April, we've had some rain. To prep the outside so it doesn't peel paint again, it has to be dry and he's had very few days to deal with that.

The soffit stuff is not just plain boards; it's special stuff because it's an older house. He had to have those built to fit. He's got that done. He's got those painted. He's putting them up this week, bear in mind, if they have fair weather to do it.

He's got the house power washed so all the peeling paint is off. He's fixed the windowsills and patched up all the whatnot he had to do. Right now, he didn't get it done on time. That's why I didn't come in here on the first of the month with the inspectors to show that it was done.

You'd also advised me to get an inspection set up and I called Mr. Thomas. He said "I'm not going to set up an inspection and come over and see it until the job's done." So he says, "the minute you get it done, call me, I'll come over there, we'll get the thing re-inspected, then you can deliver that, but right now, I cannot do that."

That's where we're at, this gentleman can explain what he's doing. But, ah, in a short amount of more time, this'll be done because all the stuff is there. The paint is there, the painted soffit pieces are, the house has been power washed—got all the peeling paint off. He's ready to finish the job. We've just not had enough time at this point. But, he can tell you the rest of it.

Douglas Miller:  
The weather hasn't cooperated with getting this project completely finished. I'm hoping and praying it's going to cooperate a little bit more. I find paint, when it's cold, what's going to happen is it's going to peel. [inaudible] We are moving at a decent pace now, as long as the weather will cooperate.

Moermond:  
Here is my struggle with the situation. Orders were issued at the beginning of last summer. Just looking at this now, and you still don't have it done. Your tenant

*appealed and there was an extension given. That's an unusual circumstance, to have the tenant in here appealing for an extension of deadline. I do think there should be some financial implication for you not finishing in a timely fashion. Also, there was a revocation of the certificate and you ignored vacating the building. You ignored the appeal of the vacate of the building. Which shows a disregard for City regulations, at the very least. I will put this in front of City Council...*

*Carlson:  
Marcia, if I could...*

*Moermond:  
I am Ms. Moermond in here, Mr. Carlson.*

*Carlson:  
OK. I wasn't avoiding. I just didn't have the money last year. Ran out of time before fall set in. I did put a roof on the house, \$12,500. And very simply, now that I've explained before when I was at a meeting, when I got the finance to do it, I could take care of it. That's what we have going on right now. It will be finished. If we'd had the 60 days he originally asked for when he wrote the thing, we wouldn't be in front of you now. We would have had that inspection would have been done [inaudible]...*

*Moermond:  
So, it's on me?*

*Carlson:  
No. We're just trying to do something.*

*Moermond:  
You are trying to do something a year later than when it was ordered.*

*Carlson:  
Progress, it is in the finishing stages at this point. All we ask is for time to finish it, which is very short here.*

*Moermond:  
I'm going to put this in front of City Council June 12. I will be asking for part of the Vacant Building fee. I think you do owe a part of the Vacant Building fee. You were referred into the program beginning of November, 2018, and haven't resolved this issue. There is some penalty that has to go with this. You've been being monitored. You've allowed continued occupancy. There's just a lot of things going on here.*

*If you are done with the project by June 12, If I can stand before the City Council and say you are done painting and you've had your Fire C of O inspection by Mr. Thomas or Ms. Shaff, then I can go with a reduction to \$500. If you are not done by that time, I will continue the matter and look at \$1000.*

*Miller:  
With that, right when we finish, can we get an inspection then, right away?*

*Carlson:  
That's my job. I have to get ahold of Thomas.*

*Moermond:  
You want to time that correctly, because he may be running two weeks out. All right,*

*we have a plan.*

*Carlson:*

*Thank you very much and we are going to get it done.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/12/2019**

- 4      [RLH TA 19-176](#)      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1467 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J1906B, Assessment No. 198105; amended to File No. J1906B1, Assessment No. 198110, and to delete the assessment) (Public hearing continued from April 17)

**Sponsors:**      Busuri

*Delete the assessment.*

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*Douglas Ouimet appeared.*

*Joe Yannarely, Staff:*

*..Tax Assessment Worksheet*

*Cost: \$310*

*Service Charge: \$162*

*Total Assessment: \$472*

*Gold Card Returned by: Douglas Ouimet from Metropolitan Investments LLC*

*Type of Order/Fee: Boarding Up*

*Nuisance: Emergency boarding*

*Date of Orders: 11/26/18*

*Date Work Done: 11/26/18*

*Work Order #: 59631*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*Comments:*

*History of Orders on Property: No*

*This is an emergency boarding call from the St Paul Police Department from November of last year. Apparently there was a burglary, a broken window. The police report is attached.*

*Moermond:*

*According to the Police report, a squad was dispatched to 852 Birmingham Ave on a report of a burglary. The caller reported seeing a male with a metal pole, breaking a window, and entering the home on the east side. On arrival, squad went to the side, observed the broken window in an apartment complex at 1467 Seventh St. There's a fence between the two properties. The officers stayed on the 852 side while squads went around to 1467. They spoke to a tenant at the Birmingham address. And he said he was asleep when he heard the glass break. And he observed a male who he described to the officers and the window faces his bedroom window so when the window in the 7th St address broke, he could hear it. The male fled from the apartment building. Officer took photos of the broken window and possessions the suspect piled up in front of the window he broke. It did not appear anything was taken from the home. He uploaded the photos. Which I don't happen to have. He was unable to make contact with the renters of 111. Left his business card. He requested a board up. He contacted the building owner via telephone.*

*That's one of the officers' reports. The others are similar information. This is the one*

who requested the board up. So, you are appealing this, can you tell me why and what you are looking for?

*Douglas Ouimet:*

*Sure. I really feel the boarding charge is not fair to us, as the owners. I guess the main reason ...how it happened with us...they called the caretaker, but she didn't answer. And then, I don't know if they got my number from the front, because we have our numbers posted you know and then they called and I spoke with the officer...*

*Moermond:*

*Are you the owner? Or property manager?*

*Ouimet:*

*Yes. And when I spoke with the officer, I'm in a different building, down in the basement, you know, we're working on an elevator issue...I said I can head over there right away and she said you don't have to be in a hurry. We have a boarding crew that actually works for the City that's going to come. They can board it up for you. No problem. I said really? She said yah, no problem. I said ok I'm going to head that way anyway and by the time I got there, they had just literally left. All right? So I went and said wow because the contractor had, I brought some pictures...I didn't know at the time it was a contractor I just thought it was like City workers or whatever. But they had nailed a piece of wood through the aluminum of the window. And ruined the window, basically. I mean the robber had broken the window, the glass, you know? That was easily fixable. But this is not easily fixable. And then I like, one of our maintenance guys came to look at it and said well we'll finish it up and make it so it's air-tight. Just leave the window until we can get here and redo it. But to make a long story short, a few weeks later, then I got the bill and I'm like I didn't even expect to see a bill for it. So I'm like then when I got the bill I said wow. So, the police officer never said to me, this is a charge incurred when this happens. You know, this is going to cost money. She just said, we have a crew...*

*Moermond:*

*Where were you?*

*Ouimet:*

*I was just at a different building, like...*

*Moermond:*

*In the same complex?*

*Ouimet:*

*No. Like 20 minutes away at a different thing, but this was the first I had heard about it. The tenant didn't call me and tell me someone had broken in. She just said "somebody broke the window, they piled a bunch of stuff, then ran away, through the building and went out. We don't know if they went out the front door or the back door. There are two exits. And we think we know who they are and we're trying to catch them." And then we got ahold of the tenant to let them know what happened and I went over there and met with another maintenance guy. But I brought some photos, you know, of what the contractor did. So, I really have a hard time believing the City hired this contractor. You can look at this, you see this. It would have been much easier to fix without damaging the window. So, I am just surprised you know what happened to the building itself, also, that this window is basically ruined. And we're going to have to replace it now where we wouldn't have to. You know, I wish I would have known it was going to cost something; I would have said absolutely not, we'll be*

there in 20 minutes and take care of it ourselves. And would've not had this happen to this window.

Moermond:

I am happy to look at the photos. We will scan them and enter them into the record. I think it would have been good for the police officer to indicate to you that there was a cost for the boarding. Communication is sometimes lacking there from the Police Department to ...

Ouimet:

Yah, she made it sound like "hey don't even worry about it. We got people to do this. I already asked them to come here and do it." And I said really? She never said what the price was.

So, you can see...if you look at that one, you can see, my kids kindof. This is the window, right? So there's wood underneath it and wood above it, right. So, you could just screw a board...they took a board and cut it to this exact dimension. If you look there, you can see these nail holes. Nailed through the aluminum itself, the aluminum of the window. Ruined the window. Here's from the inside, where one nail comes through. You can see where the nails came through and basically ruined the window. They didn't make it air-tight anyway. The nails bent the aluminum so there were gaps anyway.

Moermond:

It's not for making it air-tight. It's for securing it. The police aren't supposed to leave the scene of a crime with leaving a house or business open.

Ouimet:

I get that part. I mean I said you don't have to worry about it. I came...

Moermond:

There should have been clearer communication.

Ouimet:

And I am grateful the police came but I would have said don't do that, we are on our way. I would've thought a contractor, I mean, I think it's a problem that the City has a contractor that instead of just easily screwing the board into the wood...

Moermond:

That is something that Mr. Yannarely can look into. He manages that contract. It is a contract that companies bid on. Government sector.

Yannarely:

Can you send me the pictures you scanned in?

Ouimet:

This is going to cost us over \$1000 to replace that window and it really didn't have to happen because all that had to happen was the glass and inner frame got broken and we have extra ones of those so I mean we could just walk up and replace it and have that repaired later.

Moermond:

I'm going to delete this assessment. We have the photographs. Mr. Yannarely will be following up on the quality of the work.

*Here's what I want to put into the record so we can follow up... It looks like the call came into the Police at 10:53AM November 26. The date on the contractor's invoice is they were called at noon. The police report itself is timestamped for 12:53PM. So, the whole thing took two hours and it was at the midpoint that the boarding contractor was called. If the Police were writing their report on site there, that could have given time if they would have communicated that better.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/22/2019**

- 5      [RLH TA 19-333](#)      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1042 BURR STREET. (File No. VB1908, Assessment No. 198812)

**Sponsors:**      Brendmoen

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 6      [RLH TA 19-332](#)      Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 674 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB1908, Assessment No. 198812)

**Sponsors:**      Thao

*Delete fee as Inspector Dornfeld granted an extension.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 7      **RLH TA 19-339**      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2295 BENSON AVENUE. (File No. J1908B, Assessment No. 198107)

**Sponsors:**      Tolbert

*Approval.*

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*Gregory Gardner, property owner, appeared.*

*Joe Yannarely, Staff:*

*..Tax Assessment Worksheet*

*Cost: \$400*

*Service Charge: \$162*

*Total Assessment: \$562*

*Gold Card Returned by: Gregory Gardner*

*Type of Order/Fee: Boarding Up*

*Nuisance: Board Up Fee*

*Date of Orders: 1/24/19*

*Date Work Done: 1/24/19*

*Work Order #: Inv # 59913*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*Comments:*

*History of Orders on Property: This was a boarding that took place on January 17 at 11:30AM in response to a call from St Paul Fire Department.*

*Moermond:*

*Mr. Gardner, tell me why you are appealing and what is going on with this?*

*Gregory Gardner:*

*I bought my house not long ago and a St Paul City Water truck ended up driving through the side of it. And then they sent me a bill from the City of Saint Paul to pay for the boarding up because there was a huge hole in the side of my garage and I had people going in and going through all my stuff. I just thought it was a little odd that I got billed from the City after a St Paul City Water truck went through my garage.*

*Moermond:*

*OK, so this is from the Fire Department was out there and assessed the situation. You talked with them; a boarding crew came out.*

*Gardner:*

*Yes.*

*Moermond:*

*I need to talk to whoever handles Claims for the City. I assume you filed a claim?*

*Gardner:*

*Not yet. I got this thing in the mail and I waited to see what would happen with this, if I had to pay it. Then I would put it on my claim. If I had to pay this. But I definitely did not need those \$500 ...*

*Moermond:*

*Sure. Have you gotten estimates for repairing your garage?*

*Gardner:*

*Yes.*

*Moermond:*

*You have the paperwork to file a claim. I think you could file a claim and note that this is outstanding on it. There is also this boarding assessment that's pending. Put that on there and that you would like to file a claim on the boarding assessment as well.*

*I am going to check with our attorneys and see what the simplest path is to deal with this. I do know that you are going to need to file a claim with the City. The claim forms are just in Room 310. Then attached estimates and photographs and any St Paul Fire Department report, attach that, too.*

*Gardner:*

*Police report?*

*Moermond:*

*Police report would work, too. Get the information packaged so that it will go more quickly.*

*Gardner:*

*I work third shift so I got all sorts of them calls. It was a very rough first couple of weeks.*

*Moermond:*

*Wow. When did you buy the house?*



Gardner:  
Two years ago.

Moermond:  
Wow... I'm going to call the attorney's office. Please give us your email and phone number.

Gardner:  
Yes, I gave you that. I also have this lady's card for the insurance for the St Paul Water place.

Moermond:  
What's that woman's name?

Gardner:  
Rachelle Nakosha. Do you want the telephone or the cell?

Moermond:  
Neither. We will find it. We will get this sorted. We will keep you informed of what we learn along the way. Please get started on that claim form.

*FOLLOW-UP 5/21/19: After further review, I am recommending ratification of the assessment. If the owner believes the City/Water Utility is responsible, this needs to be handled through filing a claim. To date, a claim of this nature has not been filed by the owner. -Marcia Moermond*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

**8**      [RLH TA 19-324](#)      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1124 MATILDA STREET. (File No. J1907E, Assessment No. 198307)

**Sponsors:**      Brendmoen

Approve the assessment.

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Vincent Tran appeared.

Joe Yannarely, Staff:  
..Tax Assessment Worksheet  
Cost: \$488  
Service Charge: \$35  
Total Assessment: \$523  
Gold Card Returned by: Vincent Tran (current owner)  
Type of Order/Fee: Excessive Inspection during 10/22 to 11/21/18  
Nuisance: Garbage/Rubbish  
Date of Orders: SA from 10/25/18; EC letters from 10/25/18, 11/6/18, 11/9/18, 11/15/18  
Compliance Date: 10/30/18  
Re-Check Date: 11/1/18  
Date Work Done: Not done  
Work Order #: 18-18458 (Inv#s 1404440, 1406830, 1407571, 1408557)  
Returned Mail?: No  
Comments:

*History of Orders on Property:*

*Moermond:*

*Those are four excessive consumption charges. When reviewing the record, the Excessive Consumption charge for October 25 was because there were three or more violations in 12 months. The November 6 was because a work order had to be issued; the work was done by the time the crew showed up so it was dispatching a crew unnecessarily. On November 9, it was for three or more violations in a 12 month time period. And on November 15, the same.*

*Mr. Tran, do you have any appeal language on this one?*

*Vincent Tran:*

*No.*

*Moermond:*

*I'm going to approve this assessment as it is written.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/15/2019**

- 9**      [RLH TA 19-325](#)      Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1124 MATILDA STREET. (File No. J1908E, Assessment No. 198312)

**Sponsors:**      Brendmoen

*Reduce from \$401 to \$279.*

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*Vincent Tran appeared.*

*Joe Yannarely, Staff:*

*Cost: \$366*

*Service Charge: \$35*

*Total Assessment: \$401*

*Gold Card Returned by: Vincent Tran (current owner)*

*Type of Order/Fee: Excessive Inspection during Nov 26 thru Dec 21, 2018*

*Nuisance: Garbage/Rubbish & Snow and Ice*

*Date of Orders: SA from 12/13/18; EC letters from 12/13/18 & 12/20/18 - Inv # 1414544 (not able to find)*

*Compliance Date: 12/17/18*

*Re-Check Date: 12/19/18*

*Date Work Done: Not done*

*Work Order #: 18-018458 (Inv #s 1413276, 1414339, 1414544)*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*Moermond:*

*It looks like there were Excessive Consumptions on December 13 for three more violations, on December 20 for three more violations, but there was an invoice for a third violation which was not found.*

*Mr. Tran, do you have anything to say?*

*Vincent Tran:*

*No.*

*Moermond:*

*I'm going to approve this be decreased by \$122 because of the problem with the one invoice. The other two will stand. So, from \$401 to \$279. Mr. Tran, we will see you again in a few weeks when your next assessments come up.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 10 [RLH TA 19-328](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1124 MATILDA STREET. (File No. J1915A, Assessment No. 198529)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Delete the assessment.*

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*Vincent Tran appeared.*

*Joe Yannarely, Staff:*

*..Tax Assessment Worksheet*

*Cost: \$316*

*Service Charge: \$162*

*Total Assessment: \$478*

*Gold Card Returned by: Vincent Tran*

*Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order*

*Nuisance: Snow & Ice*

*Date of Orders: 12/13/18*

*Compliance Date: 12/17/18*

*Re-Check Date: 12/19/18*

*Date Work Done: 1/2/19*

*Work Order #: 18-134153*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*Comments:*

*History of Orders on Property: many*

*Moermond:*

*We have the orders on the 13th, compliance four days later. Checked on the 19th. The problem with this is it was work ordered on the 26th, but there's no video. And there was no snowfall in that time period, either. Because of the lack of video, no snowfall, and the chance that they could have done it before Matt showed up, I'm going to recommend deletion on this one.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/5/2019**

- 11 [RLH TA 19-326](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1124 MATILDA STREET. (File No. J1916A, Assessment No. 198534)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Delete the assessment.*

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*Vincent Tran appeared.*

*Joe Yannarely, Staff:*

*Cost: \$290*

*Service Charge: \$162*

Total Assessment: \$452  
 Gold Card Returned by: Vincent Tran  
 Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order  
 Nuisance: Snow and Ice  
 Date of Orders: January 25, 2019  
 Compliance Date: January 29, 2019  
 Re-Check Date: January 29, 2019  
 Date Work Done: January 29, 2019 February 4, 2019  
 Work Order #: 19-005856  
 Returned Mail?: No  
 History of Orders on Property: many

**Moermond:**

The order was on January 25. On January 27 and 28, we got a total of 15 inches of snow. They could have shoveled before the next 15 inches of snow came. We wouldn't have any way to tell. I am going to recommend deletion because of that big snowfall.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/5/2019**

- 12 [RLH TA 19-329](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1124 MATILDA STREET. (File No. VB1908, Assessment No. 198812) (Public hearing continued to July 17, 2019)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

Public hearing continued to July 17, 2019 and if repairs are done, will reduce from \$2284 to \$1142.

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Vincent Tran appeared.

Joe Yannarely, Staff:

Cost: \$2127

Service Charge: \$157

Total Assessment: \$2284

Gold Card Returned by: Vincent Tran

Type of Order/Fee: VB fee during 8/23 - 12/20/18

Nuisance: unpaid VB fee

Work Order #: 18-018460, Inv # 1412817

Returned Mail?: No.

Comments: Current Property Owner, Vincent Tran, closed on property on 4/30/19, VB since January 10, 2018, Category 2. 90 day waiver 2/14/18, 5/15/18 waiver ends, rebill 5/15/18, 12/11/18 renewal, assessed 6/8/18

History of Orders on Property: many

**Moermond:**

We are looking at the 2019-2020 bill. This covers January 9, 2019 to January 9, 2020. Mr. Tran, you are appealing the vacant building assessment?

Vincent Tran:

Yes. Let me explain first. I bought the house April 30. Because the seller he had no money after closing out. Most the money go to the assessment. Property passed. So as the buyer, I had to have him put back the money so he can close it. The

reason I come here is you gotta know that the City [inaudible] kept [inaudible] like today. Thank you from the City and [inaudible]. I want all the employee of the City of St Paul understand the City has something really value today like some small small investor like us. We spend that money on rehab the house and make building look good and find tenant so the City of St Paul can pass and [inaudible] poverty class and earn the money from that. So I come here today to purposefully ask all of you that did some fee here, you can waive for us, as the new homeowner, so we can use this money for rehab...

Moermond:

Mr. Tran, you are saying this in the wrong way. There is no way the City is a participant in your purchase of 1124 Matilda or in any way responsible for rehabbing the structure. That is a private matter between you and the seller. Now, if there is another reason you are appealing the Vacant Building fee, the Excessive Consumption fees, or the Summary Abatement fees, I am happy to entertain that. But, this charge is a valid charge. It has been in the Vacant Building Program and the City is not in the business of subsidizing your work through this mechanism. When I look at the Vacant Building fee, I think when are you going to get out of the program; when are you going to be doing the work? This is a fee that is legitimately charged. So, how quickly will you be getting in and out?

Tran:

60 days. From May 1st. We try to finish it on June 30th. We have all the document repair and found [inaudible]. And right after closing, I went directly to [inaudible]permits. We have everything in it. We are start working and we try to finish it before June 30th.

Moermond:

I will ask the City Council to look at this July 17, which is just past the six month mark. If you can be done in six months, I will cut the bill in half.

Tran:

Do we have to inform you?

Moermond:

We can tell from the files, electronically.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

## 10:00 a.m. Hearings

- 13**     [RLH TA 19-306](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 40 ARLINGTON AVENUE EAST. (File No. CRT1908, Assessment No. 198208)

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

*Delete the assessment. This is a U.S. Post Office federal government is not obligated to pay fees or assessments.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 14**     [RLH TA 19-310](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 246 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1908E, Assessment No. 198312)

(Public hearing continued to October 16, 2019)

Sponsors: Thao

*Public hearing continued to October 16, 2019 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete.*

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*Man Cong Tran appeared.*

*Paula Seeley, Staff:*

*Cost: \$122*

*Service Charge: \$35*

*Total Assessment: \$157*

*Gold Card Returned by: MAN CONG TRAN*

*Type of Order/Fee: PAEC BILL*

*Nuisance: FAILURE TO COMPLY BY COMPLAINT DATE*

*Date of Orders: 11-28-18*

*Compliance Date: 12-5-18*

*Re-Check Date: 12-5-18*

*Work Order #: 18-126130 INVOICE 1413556*

*Returned Mail?: NO*

*History of Orders on Property: 7-16-18 TGW COMPLAINT, OWNER CUT GRASS*

*This is a PAEC bill. Letter was sent to Occupant and to Man Cong Tran at 246 Charles Avenue to please remove excessive trash and materials from the property.*

*Moermond:*

*Mr. Tran, you are appealing this. Can you tell me why and what you are looking for today?*

*Man Cong Tran:*

*I clean [inaudible] I got the letter and I give them a call to give the inspector phone calls [inaudible] clear instruction on how I do and it was freezing and my mom was very very sick. I don't have no [inaudible]*

*Moermond:*

*Do you live here?*

*Tran:*

*Yes. I live 246 Charles. And now I clear, I clean the house and looked good now.*

*Moermond:*

*Do you have November snowfall? At the end of November. There were 2.5" on the first. Wait, this was an excessive consumption.*

*Mai Vang:*

*I probably attached the wrong photo on the re-inspection.*

*Tran:*

*Have you send the yellow card, have you get the yellow card. I sent the yellow card.*

*Moermond:*

*How long have you lived here?*

Vang:  
Since 1997. So, 22 years.

Moermond:  
You do have some history with not maintaining the yard. Not a lot, considering you have lived there for 20 years. Can you keep the grass mowed and the yard picked up?

Tran:  
Yes. I will and I do.

Moermond:  
If you can do that through October 16, so there's no orders on it, I will recommend this goes away entirely. On June 19, your case goes before City Council. I will ask City Council to continue this matter to October 16. If you don't have any problems between now and then, I will ask to have this deleted. On October 16, I will look at the computer record and if there's nothing there, I will ask to have this deleted. You just need to make sure you are keeping the lawn mowed and picked up; that will be the main thing.

Tang:  
What is the next step? June 19?

Moermond:  
On June 19, I will ask the City Council to continue this until October 16. Would it be helpful for you to have a letter in Vietnamese?

Tang:  
You said October 16? [inaudible] so five months later I will get some letter?

Moermond:  
You won't get a letter from my office. You can write on your letter right now that we're going to go to October. Ms. Vang will make a note for you on your notice.

Tang:  
Yes, please.

Moermond:  
Is this useful to have this translated to Vietnamese for him?

Tang:  
[inaudible] I will clean, clear the house, [inaudible] and everything. If I clean everything, [inaudible]. Is the next step to look...

Vang:  
We will check the computer and if there's no violation, we will delete this.

Tang:  
I will mow the grass, clean the yard.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

(Public hearing continued to October 16, 2019)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

*Public hearing continued to October 16, 2019 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete.*

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*Nancy Breheim appeared.*

*Paula Seeley, Staff.*

*Cost: \$122*

*Service Charge: \$35*

*Total Assessment: \$157*

*Gold Card Returned by: Nancy Breheim*

*Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement*

*Nuisance: Failure to maintain exterior*

*Date of Orders: 11-16-18*

*Compliance Date: 11-26-18*

*Re-Check Date: 11-26-18*

*Date Work Done: Done by owner/PAEC*

*Work Order #: 18-123643*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*History of Orders on Property: Extensive history of garbage, vehicles, and scrapping.*

*The work was done by owner but it generated a trip charge of \$157. Notice was sent to Nancy Breheim and to Occupant.*

*Nancy Breheim:*

*Is this about the firepit? Because we removed that. And we removed garbage that was by that gate and stuff. And I've got pictures on my phone that we removed it before April 30th. We removed it on Easter.*

*Moermond:*

*What we are talking about today is an order issued in November. They gave you an order on November 16, it looked like there was scattered trash around the driveway and garage and so they sent you an order to clean that up. When the inspector came back on the deadline, it wasn't done.*

*Breheim:*

*When was the deadline? Can you tell me that?*

*Moermond:*

*Yes. They gave 10 days, so to November 26. It wasn't done on the 26th, but it was done by the time the clean-up crew showed up. They are saying we dispatched the clean-up crew needlessly because they missed their deadline. They want to charge you for the cost of sending the crew out.*

*Breheim:*

*When I called to ask about it, the lady on the phone said it was about the fire pit.*

*Moermond:*

*I don't think you got good information from that person. That was unfortunate. Is there a fire pit issue going on currently?*



*Breheim:*  
*It was gone by April 30th.*

*Moermond:*  
*She probably looked at the most recent thing and not what the assessment was for. But, that doesn't help you now. Do you remember last November and what was going on then?*

*Breheim:*  
*I don't remember but we did remove trash that was by the...I think a month ago or something...what does it say what it was?*

*Moermond:*  
*There's a picture.*

*Breheim:*  
*But we already cleaned it, right? They didn't clean it, we did. So, some guys...*

*[Mai Vang shows before and after pictures to Ms. Breheim.]*

*Breheim:*  
*On this side of the fence, that's the next door's house. On that side. If you're looking at her side. I'm right at where the fence ends. Is that what you're saying?*

*Vang:*  
*You are saying these are not yours?*

*Breheim:*  
*No. The fence ends here for me. That's hers. Next to her garage. My fence line is right there. See it? Was this wood? Or just debris or something?*

*Moermond:*  
*Looks like just plain old trash.*

*Breheim:*  
*The two garbage cans were mine, yeah. That side of the fence is the next door person's. If I had money, I'd put a fence up right there, then we'd know.*

*Moermond:*  
*Looking at an aerial map of the area, Ms. Seeley, would you take a look at this? You are the yellow house, Ms. Breheim?*

*Breheim:*  
*Yes. I'm 55 Cook.*

*Moermond:*  
*The fence line for 55 would track straight back. It looks like it "doglegs" a little there. If I am standing here and taking a picture, this is 53. This is an alley perspective. The fence is plumb with the house, but not with the garage. That car is parked exactly on the line.*

*Seeley:*  
*[inaudible] more than one picture.*

*Moermond:*

*It looks like the property line runs flush, almost, with the side of 53's house and it looks like their garage is set back a couple of feet from the property line.*

*Seeley:*

*It looks like 53 has like a foot and a half to the side of their house. On Google Maps, it's like right along the fence. The house, I mean.*

*Moermond:*

*I want to make sure we get this right.*

*[Photos viewed on TV screen]*

*Moermond:*

*What I notice about this, is the boundary between 53 and 55 appears to run maybe one foot from the house at 53 and the majority of the space between the garages belongs to you. Even in that picture there's a car parked over the line. The trash the orders refer to are not well pictured in the order. The follow-up photo shows there's still work to be done.*

*Seeley:*

*Extensive history in 53.*

*Moermond:*

*And 55?*

*There's the stuff they were talking about, the trash that was there.*

*Breheim:*

*I thought they meant [inaudible]. We got rid of that stuff. That's a carpet over the fence. We got rid of this.*

*Moermond:*

*I am at a loss here. Normally, I would use the fee as an incentive to get you to take care of your property. What I hear from staff is there were issues into December but I'm not seeing a current order.*

*Breheim:*

*Me and my friend got rid of the fire pit. We took a lot of trash away.*

*Seeley:*

*December 18 was the last one.*

*Moermond:*

*I would like to look at this again October 16 when it will go in front of the City Council. If you have no violations between now and then, I will recommend this gets deleted. You are scheduled right not for June 19. At that meeting, I will ask them to continue it to October 16 to give you a chance to have five months with no violations.*

*Breheim:*

*Do I gotta be there June 19th?*

*Moermond:*

*Not unless you object to what I am recommending.*

Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019

- 16 [RLH TA 19-318](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1158 EDGERTON STREET. (File No. CRT1908, Assessment No. 198208)

**Sponsors:** Busuri

Approve the assessment.

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*Ivan Kamande appeared.*

*Fire Inspector Leanna Shaff:*

*Cost: \$242*

*Service Charge: \$157*

*Total Assessment: \$399*

*Gold Card Returned by: Property Owner: Ivan Kamande*

*Type of Order/Fee: FC of O, Duplex*

*Nuisance: Unpaid FC of O fees*

*Date of Orders: Appointment letter 11/07/2018*

*Compliance Date: Approved 12/06/2018*

*Billing Dates: 12/10/2018 and 01/09/2019*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*Comments: All mail sent to RP: Housing Hub LLC 351 Kellogg Blvd St Paul MN 55101-1411*

*Moermond:*

*You have a property and you pay Housing Hub to manage it?*

*Ivan Kamande:*

*Yes, mum.*

*Moermond:*

*It sounds like Housing Hub didn't pay the Fire Certificate of Occupancy fee?*

*Kamande:*

*Yes.*

*Moermond:*

*What is going on?*

*Kamande:*

*I don't know where to start from, because I bought this property from them. I remember the time when we were buying the property, we wanted to go through the CD of A, the Certificate of Occupancy, and my realtor asked for them to show us that certificate and I know by the time we are buying the property.*

*Moermond:*

*When was that?*

*Kamande:*

*That was February 15.*

*Moermond:*

Of 2018?

*Kamande:*

*Yes. That is when I owned the property. When I receive this mail, telling me we need to pay the fee, for the certificate, I was surprised because I never got any notification. They told me this [inaudible] is missing. It was when we bought the property; we made sure all the fire alarm [inaudible] so I am surprised I wasn't notified about this. At the same time, I was still paying Housing Hub.*

*Moermond:*

*Are you buying on a contract for deed from them?*

*Kamande:*

*I go to them to [inaudible] on my behalf.*

*Moermond:*

*Right. Did you also buy the property from Housing Hub?*

*Kamande:*

*Yes. I bought the property.*

*Moermond:*

*It shows you as the owner and them as the Responsible Party. They are your property manager and they were the seller.*

*Kamande:*

*Yes.*

*Moermond:*

*My understanding is the Property Manager would pay the bill and then bill the owner that they are managing it for.*

*Shaff:*

*Yes.*

*Moermond:*

*So, Housing Hub failed to pay the bill. Leaving him with the bill, plus the fee, because it wasn't paid in a timely fashion. Did you have more?*

*Kamande:*

*No, because it was my first time [inaudible] this properties. If I knew how these things work, I would call the City. I would have paid the bill. But, being it is my first time for owning a property for rent, it is like I am just learning everything.*

*Shaff:*

*You need to come to Landlord 101 class.*

*Moermond:*

*The class she is suggesting, Landlord 101, have you heard about that?*

*Kamande:*

*No.*

*Moermond:*

*How would he sign up? Would he go to the City website?*

*Shaff:*

*Are you ready to write it down?*

*Kamande:*

*Yes, mum.*

*Shaff:*

*www.stpaul.gov/cofo On that page you will see a button that says "Landlord 101."  
Press that one.*

*Kamande:*

*I will do that.*

*Moermond:*

*The bill for the C of O is \$242, because it wasn't paid and was processed as an assessment. There's an additional \$157. That is something that Housing Hub should pay you because it was their negligence in not paying the bill originally. And it incurred the additional fee. Ms. Vang will give you a copy of the original invoices that were sent. That's the paperwork that Housing Hub got, that they ignored. Call them and tell them you are having to pay an extra \$157 because they didn't pay this in a timely fashion. As your property manager, they should be financially responsible for it.*

*Kamande:*

*\$150?*

*Moermond:*

*\$157 extra because it wasn't paid in time.*

*Kamande:*

*What about this \$200 then?*

*Moermond:*

*The \$242 is the regular charge for a duplex Certificate of Occupancy.*

*Kamande:*

*If I pay the \$242, I can pay that. Is it only [inaudible] how do they assess this bill?*

*Moermond:*

*If the Council approves it on June 19, within a week or two of that date you will receive an invoice from the City of St Paul for the \$399. Normally, owners pay for the Certificate of Occupancy after their property managers have paid. Because the property manager is the one that goes along on the inspection and learns what is going on. As a service to you, they normally would pay the bill and send you the bill. That is something that you would pay. It sounds like that didn't happen.*

*I'm going to recommend the Council approve the whole amount. You can talk to Housing Hub to figure out what happened.*

*Kamande:*

*Can I ask to pay the \$242 now and later on, will come later? You want the whole sum?*

*Moermond:*

*I am going to recommend they approve the whole amount. When you get the invoice, you can pay at that time, or, you can let it go on your property taxes for 2020. The interest rate is about 4%. That is something you can choose to do. You can pay it in part at that time and let the rest of it go to property taxes.*

*Kamande:*

*I will pay it.*

*Moermond:*

*I am sorry I couldn't be more helpful.*

*Kamande:*

*I'm sorry. It isn't my fault that ...*

*Moermond:*

*It sounds like your property manager should have been taking care of it.*

*Kamande:*

*Yah. I never got any notification about the certificate. I remember when we were buying the property, it was one of the things my realtor asked them [inaudible] and there was a [inaudible] I remember he provide us with a certificate. I'm just like learning it right now, again it is coming up. If I had known about it earlier on, I would have [inaudible] the problem. I'm sorry that it is coming back again.*

*Shaff:*

*It's an "A" building; it will be six years.*

*Moermond:*

*If there are no complaints on your building, you won't see another fire inspection until November 2024. You have quite a long time. If there are complaints, that might change.*

*Kamande:*

*Thanks. I appreciate it.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 17     [RLH TA 19-311](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 878 FULLER AVENUE. (File No. CRT1908, Assessment No. 198208)

**Sponsors:**     Jalali Nelson

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 18     [RLH TA 19-319](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1396 GRAND AVENUE. (File No. J1908E, Assessment No. 198312) (Public hearing continued to October 16, 2019)

**Sponsors:**     Tolbert

*Reduce from \$157 to \$78.50 and continued to public hearing on October 16, 2019 and if no same or similar violation(s) will delete the balance of the fee.*

*John Porter appeared.*

*Paula Seeley, Staff:*

*Cost: \$122*

*Service Charge: \$35*

*Total Assessment: \$157*

*Gold Card Returned by: John Porter*

*Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement*

*Nuisance: Failure to remove snow and ice from public sidewalk/PAEC*

*Date of Orders: 12-3-18*

*Compliance Date: 12-7-18*

*Re-Check Date: 12-10-18*

*Date Work Done: Done by owner/PAEC*

*Work Order #: 18-127781*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*Comments:*

*History of Orders on Property: No history*

*Crew went out there but work had been done. Generated a PAEC for trip charge.*

*Moermond:*

*So, you are appealing this?*

*John Porter:*

*I would like to. I appreciate the opportunity to state my case. My primary purpose is to petition you to forgive this assessment. I have seen the pictures and pictures don't lie. My wife and I have lived in this house for 46 years and we have never ever failed to my recollection in our duty to keep our sidewalks clean or anything like that. I've got a neighbor, he and I are out there, generally, the morning after a snowfall cleaning things up. I did get a letter December 4, dated December 3 and I called the City about it on the 6th and was told the entire block got something. We made sure after that that everything was clean. We didn't want to go through any issues. So, when I got the assessment notice dated April 16th and I called the inspector and she said she would send out pictures and I was really confused. The pictures are dated December 10, and there wasn't really any snowfall between December 2 and December 10. My neighbor and I cleaned up; we generally do a lot of the block. We are both retired and we go back and forth. I have no explanation for the pictures. I'm not disputing them; I don't understand how that happened. I guess I'm kinda throwing myself on your mercy.*

*Moermond:*

*Sure. I will cut it in half now, because there's no history at all. If there's no same or similar through October 16, I will cut the other half.*

*Porter:*

*That's wonderful! Thank you! So, I just need to be a good citizen; I don't need to attend any other hearings?*

*Moermond:*

*If you are OK with what I am recommending, that is all you need to do.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. CRT1908, Assessment No. 198208)

Sponsors: Thao

Reduce from \$421 to \$264.

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*Laurel Hedlund sent an email appeal.*

*Fire Inspector Leanna Shaff:*

*Cost: \$264*

*Service Charge: \$157*

*Total Assessment: \$421*

*Gold Card Returned by: Laurel Hedlund*

*Type of Order/Fee: FC of O, 4 unit R-2*

*Nuisance: Unpaid FC of O fees*

*Date of Orders: Appointment letters 7/11, 7/17, 8/2 and 9/5/2018. Correction letter 10/18/2018.*

*Compliance Date: 11/16/18*

*Billing Dates: 11/21 and 12/21/2018*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*Comments: First appointment letter sent to prior PO. Rec'd and updated info on 7/17/18. 3 appointment letters and 1 correction letter sent to Thomas Avenue LLC at 288 Thomas Ave St Paul, MN 55103-1737*

*History of Orders on Property:*

*This is for an unpaid Certificate of Occupancy for a four unit building. Upon further investigation, looking at this email, she faxed in a change of ownership October 12, but in looking at the C of O records, Thomas Ave LLC was changed to the PO Box not until 4/23/19.*

*Moermond:*

*There's an attachment here that she scanned in.*

*Shaff:*

*I saw that attachment and it looks like she used email for fax or something, whatever. We're not in the habit of things sitting around for a change of...so, I don't know what happened. I've worked with Ms. Hedlund before on numerous occasions. I don't doubt she sent it; but, I don't think we left something sitting somewhere. For six months.*

*Moermond:*

*That was an expensive problem for the City to have then, because if we made an error in not entering what was faxed in until a much later date then the assessment was processed, it didn't include the two \$74 no entry fees, but it did add in the administrative charge. If this is a case where we need to decrease the assessment because she did send in the form, and it looks like she has that documented pretty well, then her assessment goes down to \$264.*

*Shaff:*

*Correct.*

*Moermond:*

*That's what I am going to recommend on this. For the record, Ms. Vang, she also appealed the garbage bill in the same document. She attached garbage information and it is also covered in her email. That wasn't the right place to handle it.*



Vang:  
I will see if there is an assessment.

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 20 [RLH TA 19-330](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 415 WABASHA STREET NORTH. (File No. CRT1908, Assessment No. 198208)

**Sponsors:** Noecker

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 21 [RLH TA 19-335](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1087 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J1908E, Assessment No. 198312)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

*Approve; no show.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

- 22 [RLH TA 19-340](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 865 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1908E, Assessment No. 198312) (Public hearing continued to October 16, 2019)

**Sponsors:** Busuri

*Public hearing continued to October 16, 2019 and if no same or similar violation(s), will delete.*

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*Terry Curran-Meissner appeared.*

*Paula Seeley, Staff:*

*Cost: \$122*

*Service Charge: \$35*

*Total Assessment: \$157*

*Gold Card Returned by: Terri Meissner*

*Type of Order/Fee: Excessive Inspection during 11/26 - 12/21/18*

*Nuisance: Summary Abatement of Debris*

*Date of Orders: November 30, 2018*

*Compliance Date: December 7, 2018*

*Re-Check Date: December 7, 2018*

*Date Work Done: December 13, 2018-done by owner*

*Work Order #: 18-126618, Inv # 1412989*

*Returned Mail?: No*

*Says on the order, "pile of debris in the rear yard, much under tarps." I sent a work order to Parks. They DBO'd it. "Done by Owner." Because Parks said most of the debris under the tarps was tools, ladders, lawn mowers, etc. That's what generated the*

PAEC. I called them and we met out there. Somebody that lived at the house, not the owner. I met with them and explained to them all the stuff had to go in the shed. So, that took place. The PAEC got generated, saying it was taken care of but it wasn't taken care of, so I went out there.

I went out there December 7 and the crew went out there December 13 and WO'd it.

Moermond:

You are appealing this charge. Can you tell me why and what you are looking for?

Terry Curran-Meissner:

First of all, one of my important reasons for being here today is to say I'm sorry the last time I saw you I was so upset. It was right in the beginning of the winter; this is an ongoing thing. They've been out a couple times and most of the things they're talking about belong to my son. At the time they came in winter, he was in South Dakota working on a job. We have some things, we've gotten everything cleared up and we're keeping it that way. When I came the last time, mind you, I wrote a little speech. And the part you objected to is I called the City Council a "goon squad."

Moermond:

I probably would have objected to that, yes.

Curran-Meissner:

I'm sorry. I was upset. I was distraught. I mentioned to you that my husband died in 2016. I had my son come and live with me because I can't live alone. He was here last time but today, he is working. He's brought things into the yard and the home because he lives there now. We are working on trying to get rid of some things. I usually have a beautiful yard. I brought pictures I was going to show you of all the gardening and flowers, holiday decorations, and things. Since my husband died, things have gone downhill. Problem is, I have two neighbors who are really giving me a bad time. One of them, just after my husband died, asked me "are you selling your house, we want to buy it." And I kind of like, I hadn't been thinking about that. Scott just died. She had a son and she would like to have him live next door to her.

I apologize that we have had problems. I am not able to do what I used to do. I lived there over 30 years. It's cleaned. It just took me a little longer to get my son back from South Dakota to work on it. I have a bunch of friends. They came out. They cleaned up; they are going to increase the size of the shed to keep things in, to keep them out of the way because we don't have a garage.

Moermond:

It looks like it was your son last time. Was it his vehicle? Was it a vehicle your son had in the yard last time?

Seeley:

Tires.

Curran-Meissner:

It was tires next to his truck. We've had problems with people throwing tires back there. My property is the only one on the block that does not have a garage. People think it's a place to dump things. My son even put out a camera.

Moermond:

I think he said those were his tires.

*Curran-Meissner:*

*He got rid of most of them but there was another one there that night. And they are expensive to get rid of. He put in a camera and we actually saw one of the neighbors walk over and put stuff in the yard.*

*Moermond:*

*I'm not finding any other case for 865 Lawson.*

*Curran-Meissner:*

*There's no tires. The equipment you're talking about is gone...[inaudible]*

*Moermond:*

*Oh, I am looking right at it. I was assuming it was today's. The previous one is TA 19-11. The last case, when we talked about the tires, I said I was going to recommend the Council continue your case to August 7 and if they weren't any similar violations, I would recommend deleting it. Now, here's the thing...*

*Curran-Meissner:*

*Is this the second one?*

*Moermond:*

*I talked to you on January 8 and what we are talking about today happened in December. That six months was between January and August. I'm not going to go backwards and say you had something in December. This doesn't count against that, because it happened before we had our conversation.*

*Curran-Meissner:*

*I've had two since then. You said one was forgiven and this is the second?*

*Moermond:*

*That one will be if there is no other violations. So far in 2019, there haven't been any since then. I will push this one out to October 16, if there's no same or similar. Your son really needs to be on top of keeping things in the shed and the lawn mowed and picking up if there's dumping.*

*Curran-Meissner:*

*There's no grass in the backyard; we had a big dog. There's grass in the front that he mows. It was mostly about stuff in the backyard. We live on a hill, in a little landing on a flat open space. He had stored down there. He has taken it all out. I told him I'd throw him out if he did that again.*

*Moermond:*

*I think we have a plan.*

*Curran-Meissner:*

*I am sorry last time I going to call you and apologize but I realized I didn't take one of your business cards. Because I woke up the next day and I realized I was really mean to that lady.*

*Moermond:*

*I've heard worse. Don't you worry about it. We have a plan of action, Ms. Meissner, and my business cards are right there.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

**Special Tax Assessments-ROLLS**

- 23 RLH AR 19-33** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during August 23 to December 20, 2018. (File No. VB1908, Assessment No. 198812)  
*Sponsors:* Brendmoen  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**
- 24 RLH AR 19-34** Ratifying the assessments for Boarding and/or Securing services during January 2019. (File No. J1908B, Assessment No. 198107)  
*Sponsors:* Brendmoen  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**
- 25 RLH AR 19-35** Ratifying the assessments for Sewer Repair in ROW during November 2018 at 198 Stevens St W. (File No. J1918A, Assessment No. 198542)  
*Sponsors:* Brendmoen  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**
- 26 RLH AR 19-36** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during November 13 to December 10, 2018. (File No. CRT1908, Assessment No. 198208)  
*Sponsors:* Brendmoen  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**
- 27 RLH AR 19-37** Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during November 26 to December 21, 2018. (File No. J1908E, Assessment No. 198312)  
*Sponsors:* Brendmoen  
**Referred to the City Council due back on 6/19/2019**

**11:00 a.m. Hearings****Summary Abatement Orders**

- 28 [RLH SAO 19-29](#)** Appeal of Gwynne Evans to a Summary Abatement Order at 680 PREBLE STREET.  
*Sponsors:* Prince  
*Grant to June 17, 2019 to comply with the bushes obstructing the public right of way.*

*Gwynne Evans appeared.*

*Paula Seeley, Staff:*

*We got a complaint on April 4 for shrubbery overgrown onto the sidewalk. Date of Order April 5. There was definitely shrubbery obstructing the sidewalk so I sent an order "bushes obstructing public ROW."*

*Moermond:*

*In a previous case, when we talked about a property on Summit Ave, there was some confusion the prior year about when you would be undertaking the trimming, because there was going to be some City or utility activity on trees in the area. I didn't notice that was in your appeal for this case.*

*So, tell me a little about what we've got going on.*

*Gwynne Evans:*

*It the same tree.*

*Moermond:*

*Same variety?*

*Evans:*

*Yes, the same tree, so I am asking if I can cut it at the same time.*

*Moermond:*

*In this case, it is a significant obstruction, there is no confusion about that. This would have been a case last year, without conflicting City orders on it.*

*Evans:*

*Was this someone who reported this? Or did you just go past it?*

*Seeley:*

*Somebody called it in. I was in hearings.*

*Evans:*

*The situation, they had that big blow up in that area so this guy who used to live across the street, he's not going to live there anymore. So, he went around the neighborhood and reported Arjo for his camper and the trees, which he loved. But he's leaving, he has to leave so he's not happy. I don't think it's hurting anybody else. It will hurt the trees. What do I need, a month?*

*Moermond:*

*Yes. Let's do it. June 17.*

*Evans:*

*So, how high do I have to go.*

*Moermond:*

*Arborvitae. Seven feet?*

*Seeley:*

*We don't care as long as it's over the sidewalk.*

*Moermond:*

*When you look at this picture, it's a straight line you are looking for. A straight vertical line.*

*Evans:*

*Nobody past seven feet is going to walk down...*

*Moermond:*

*Not many.*

*Evans:*

*So I shouldn't have to go past seven feet.*

*Moermond:*

*It looks like when you get to the seven foot level, it is already coming in, though. But yes, people do run into problems when they let it hang over at the seven foot level and then it doesn't hold up well.*

*We went out to June 17 and we have an answer.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/22/2019**

- 29**     [RLH SAO 19-31](#)     Appeal of Arthur Kost to a Summary Abatement Order at 301 WYOMING STREET WEST.

**Sponsors:**     Noecker

*Appeal withdrawn. Issue resolved per owner and inspector.*

**Withdrawn**

### **Making Finding**

- 30**     [RLH SAO 19-6](#)     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 425 BRAINERD AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 19-4.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

*Nuisance is abated.*

**Referred to the City Council due back on 5/22/2019**

### **2:30 p.m. Hearings**

#### **Vacant Building Registrations**

- 31**     [RLH VBR 19-32](#)     Appeal of Jeff White to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 899 ASHLAND AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**     Thao

*Appeal withdrawn.. Per Mr. Magner, a 30 day VB fee waiver has been granted to 899 Ashland Ave. This is a VB1 file with open permits, owner states that the permits will be finalized with-in 30 days.*

Withdrawn

- 32     [RLH VBR 19-31](#)     Appeal of John D. Anderson to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 849 SMITH AVENUE SOUTH.

**Sponsors:**     Noecker

*Appeal withdrawn. Owner received Code Compliance Certificate.*

Withdrawn