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File Created: 04/12/2011

File Name: 1362 Marion Street

Final Action: 04/19/2011

Title: Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1362 MARION STREET for Project #:
1106T, Assessment #: 119096 in Ward 5.

Notes:

Agenda Date: 04/19/2011

Indexes: Assessments, Nuisance Abatement; Special Tax
Assessments; Ward - 5

Agenda Number:

Sponsors: Helgen

Enactment Date:

Attachments: 1362 Marion St- D Tree letter - 7-7-10.pdf, 1362
Marion St - Picture - 8-6-10.pdf

Financials Included?:

Contact Name:

Hearing Date:

Entered by: karl.mueller@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Ord Effective Date:

Approval History

| Version | Date | Approver | Action |
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| 1 | 04/13/2011 | Vang, Mai | Approve |

History of Legislative File

| Ver- sion: | Acting Body: | Date: | Action: | Sent To: | Due Date: | Return Date: | Result: |
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| | Action Text: | | Referred Under Master Resolution | | | | |
| | Notes: | | Delete the assessment. | | | | |
| | | | Robert Soutter, owner, appeared. | | | | |
| | | | Mr. Karl Mueller, Forestry, reported that 1362 Marion is a vacant lot. Seven (7) trees were marked for having Dutch Elm Disease on July 7, 2010. A letter was sent to Robert Soutter, 206 Cottage in Saint Paul. It was re-checked on August 16, 2010. Six (6) trees had been removed leaving one. It was re-checked again on January 3, 2011 and found to be in non-compliance. The work to remove that one tree was done on March 10, 2011 for a cost of \$1,341.90 plus a service charge of \$101.39 for a total of \$1,453.29. | | | | |

Ms. Moermond asked Mr. Mueller if there is any information in the file about the exact location of the parcel. Mr. Mueller responded that the tree that was not removed was 25 feet south of the house at 1364, which is just north.

Mr. Soutter stated that he did not see a mark on that tree. If it would have been marked so that he could see it, he surely would have cut it down since he was there to cut down all the marked trees. Ms. Moermond noted that the letter that was sent clearly said seven (7) trees. Mr. Soutter responded that it has to be marked so that he can see it. He added that the City stole the wood from him and also are charging an outrageous amount of money for a mistake that is the City's fault. Ms. Moermond commented that she sees a mistake on Mr. Soutter's part because he didn't count to seven (7); however, right now there isn't information showing that there was a clear marking on the tree. She said that Mr. Soutter clearly made a good faith effort. She will recommend deletion of this assessment.

Mr. Soutter added that he would like to give the property back. He is very tired of the maintenance. Ms. Moermond suggested that he contact the state, Ramsey County, the City of Saint Paul, or the HRA in the Department of Planning and Economic Development. She will send an email to someone at the HRA.

Text of Legislative File ALH 11-492

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Cost: \$1,341.90

Service Charge: \$111.39

Total Assessment: \$1,453.29

Gold Card Returned by: Robert Soutter

Type of Order/Fee: Notice

Nuisance: Diseased Tree

Date of Orders: July 7, 2010

Compliance Date: August 7, 2010

Re-Check Date: January 3, 2011

Date Work Done: March 10, 2011

Work Order #: List #19-10

Returned Mail?: No

Comments: Vacant Lot

History of Orders on Property: